

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Terrell VAS2184  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Some online images are illegible.]

South Carolina }  
Pendleton District }

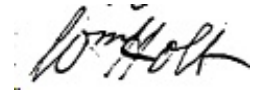
At a court of common pleas & general Sessions held at Pendleton Courthouse for the District aforesaid on the fourth Monday in March Eighteen hundred & thirteen, present the Honorable Charles Jones Calcock Captain William Lynch of the Dist aforesaid Came into open Court who being duly Sworn on his oath Saith, That he was intimately acquainted with Harry Terrell formerly of Bedford County in the State of virginia before the Commencement of the last Revolution and was well acquainted with the personal military services of the said Hary Terrell during the late War The said Harry resided in that part of Bedford bordering on Hallifax & Pyttsylvania [sic: Halifax and Pittsylvania counties], and this deponent in Pyttsylvania. This deponent on his oath further saith that the said Hary Terrell raised or enlisted his Company (as he thinks) in February or March 1776 and went into the virginia Continental Service a Captain, in the fifth virginia Reidjment under what major this deponent does not recollect. But this deponent on his oath believes that the said Harry Terrell in s'd Reidjment was Commanded by Col. [Charles] Scott & Col. Josiah Parker in succession. In that said Continental Service the said Hary marched through most of the nothern States. He was absent and engaged in this service from two to three years. He then returned home & there remained some few weeks on the birth of a daughter and then returned to the army. The said Harry then continued in the said Continental service for Eighteen months or two years, In which time & service He rose to the grade of a major, The total Continental Services of the said Harry Terrell as a Captain & Major, will make three years & a half, or thereabouts from the best recollection which this deponent has of the circumstances of the Case and from papers in his possession which refresh his memory & reflect light on the subject. This deponent himself having been a Captain in the said Continental Service on or about the same time. This deponent with his waggon & team aided in the removal of the said majr Harry Terrell from the County of Bedford aforesaid to the Saura Town in North Carolina, was acquainted with him during his residence there, The said Harry from thence removed to Pendleton District in the State of South Carolina This deponent removed from Pyttsylvania virginia to the said District, & was there the neighbour of the said Harry Terrell untill his death, in the fall of ninty seven. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the 23<sup>d</sup> of March Eighteen hundred & thirteen.



State of Georgia }  
Elbert County }

At a Superior Court held in & for the County aforesaid on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1813 present the honorable Young Gresham Doctor, William Holt came into open Court & on his oath saith that he was intimately acquainted with Harry Terrell formerly of Bedford County in the State of virginia That the said Harry Tirrell (on the close of the winter 1775 or in the commencement of the spring 1776 raised a Company of regular Soldiers & on or about the time aforesaid the s'd Harry went into the virginia Continental Service as a Captain, and this deponent on his oath further saith that He was at divers times & places in the Company of the said Captain Harry Terrell during his service & Continued in the said service. That from many circumstances within the recollection of this deponent He is authorised to believe & verily doth believe that the said Captain Harry Terrell did serve in continual command in the said Continental Service for three years or upwards.

Whether the said Harry rose to the grade of Major within the time specified this deponent does not recollect but that the said Harry did rise to that grade at some time within his Continental Services this deponent believes to be fact the services so render'd by the said Harry this deponent believes was in the 5th virginia Reidjment, & this deponent further saith that this deponent went into the said Continental service an Insign [Ensign] & from thence rose to a Captaincy in the said service. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the day & year aforesaid.



Georgia } At a Superior Court held in & for the County aforesaid at Elberton on the 22<sup>d</sup>  
 Elbert County } day of April 1813 — Present the Hon'ble Young Gresham chief Justice presiding  
 Captain John Ried of Wayne County in the State aforesaid came into open court who being lawfully sworn on his oath saith, That in the Spring of seventy six Gross Scruggs [VAS2185] & Harry Terrell were (by the Committee of Safety for Bedford County in Virginia) appointed Captains to take the Command of two Companys of Continental Soldiers then requir'd by Government That the said Gross & Harry raised their Companies at New London in Bedford [now in Campbell County] aforesaid & from thence marched as this deponent believes in Feby or March 1776. this deponent then marched as a Soldier under the said Harry Terrell to Richmond in Virginia Thence to Norfolk. Thence to Williamsburg & from thence through most of the northern states. The s'd Harry Continued in this Command about two years when he was promoted to the grade of a Major and in that capacity served in the continental army as this deponent on his oath believes Eighteen months or two years. Thomas McReynolds who was the Lieutenant in said Terrells Company served as Captain on Terrells promotion The said Terrell remained in Continual command as a captain & major three & a half or four years after which time he quit the army and went into the Continental Commissaries department in which Capacity he was active and acted untill the winter of 1782 at which time he removed to the state of North Carolina, from thence to South Carolina where he died. The services so render'd by the said Harry this deponent thinks was in the 5<sup>th</sup> virginia Reidjment as he believes commanded by Col [Charles] Scott who this deponent believes was promoted to a Brig'dr Gen'l the Command of the Reidjment was then taken by Col Josiah Parker Sworn to in open Court, & subscribed on the day & year aforesaid



Virginia Campbell County towit

Robert Alexander who was Clerk of the Committee for the County of Bedford Personally appeared before me Adam Clement Junr a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Campbell and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that Harry Turrill upon the twelfth Day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy six Produced a Commission from the Honble. Committee of Safety for the state of Virginia nominating and appointing him a Captain of a Regular company recruited in the said county and Qualified thereto according to an ordinance of the then late convention that John Callaway & William Callaway Jun'r. were appointed to review the said Company who reported them complete 68 men rank and file 4 Serjeants one Fifer & one Drummer healthy and ablebodied upon which it was ordered that the said Capt. Tarrill should on the 29<sup>th</sup> Inst. (March 1776) march his said Company to Richmond Court House in the state of Virginia. This Deponent further states according to his best recollection that those troops were engaged for three years which term this Deponent always understood the s'd Capt. remained in service.

Sworn to this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of July 1813.

Adam Clement

The representatives of Harry Terrell are entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Major of the Continental line for three years service  
Council Chamber Aug't 7 1813  
Jas Barbour  
Warrants No 6098 for 3999 $\frac{1}{3}$  and Nos 6099, 6100 and 6101 for 444 $\frac{2}{3}$  a's each issued Augst 7<sup>th</sup> 1813  
A Copy from Record

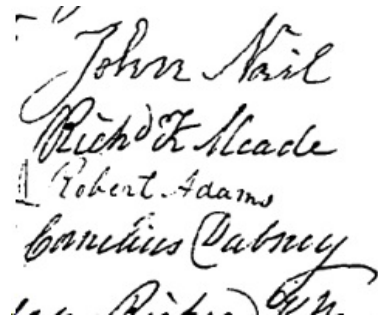
J. W. Pleasants

The State of Alabama Marion County  
March Term 1834

At this session of this Court appointed by law, John Nail [VAS356] of Monroe County Mississippi, Robert Adams [VAS2181] and Richard K Meade [Richard Kidder Meade VAS625] of Pickins [sic: Pickens] County in Alabama and Cornelius Dabney [VAS2182] of Laurens county in the same state, come into open Court all of whom was first lawfully sworn and on their separate oaths say That before and after the revolutionary war they all lived in Bedford County virginia, That in March 1776 Harry Terrell of said County marched from the Courthouse thereof into the virginia Continental line on State establishment for three years, commissioned and Commanding as a full Captain, as affiants now believe in the fifth regiment, commanded by Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] Scott and Parker in succession, Capt Terrell marched with his Company aforesaid to Richmond virginia from thence to Norfolk and the lower parts of that state. Affiants Nail, Meade and Adams marched at the same time as soldiers in Terrells Company and Dabney in the company commanded by Capt James Chevis [sic: James Chavis VAS1739] from the same place at the same time, into the same service, and in the same regiment. The three first affiants continued under Capt Terrells Command, and the third [two undeciphered words] for about two years, at which period Capt Terrell rose to the rank of Major, (his old Company being in the same Battalion) and regularly commanded in that Capacity for the balance of three years. the term for which he went into this service In 1779 about the time of the expiration of Major Terrells first service, the Country was verry much pressed by the enemy. The term of many officers and soldiers had expired, the army too, was not only wanting for clothing, but many suffered for food and pay, from these causes, many retired from the service at the end of their first term and there were also, frequent resignations, Major Terrell having finished his three years, ingaged finally in this service till that war should end. He was a good officer and a man of great urbanity of manners, which fitted him for the attainment of supplies without the necessity of impressment which otherwyse[?] frequently had to be resorted to. Affiants do not remember by whome he was prevailed on or sent whether by the board of war, or the Gen'l officers in the field, but such was the fact, Major Terrell without resigning, was for some months one of the most efficient Commissaries anywhere to be found. Having by these supplies greatly sustained the troops. Him with others were sent out on the recruiting service, and such was Major Terrells zeal to break the British yoke, and such his address payd untireing perseverance in recruiting, that many months had not gone by when the Major with other officers sent out with him on the same service were again at head quarters with nearly a full Battalion of new recruits other officers sent out also on the recruiting service into different sections of virginia, were also successfull, of a portion of these recruits and old Soldiers reinlisting for the war, a Regiment was formed, and the Command of it – as Colonel Commandant was fixed on Major Terrell He was in several engagements with the British, which affiants think it is unnecessary to particularize He [several undeciphered words] was at the seige and reduction of little york [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. At that place, the [undeciphered word] forming a part of the force which stormed one of the redouts [redoubt 9, 14 Oct 1781]. The fall of a shell near him and bursting, broke down and verry much tore Col Terrells hip & side. After the Siege of york, his wounds there received, rendered him totally unable for duty, and that war then was considered all one as done, Col Terrell was furloughed perpetual unless again Called into service. That war ended, and he never was Called on as affiants ever knew or believe, and all these affiants were with him and under his Command in the army throughout the whole war, were his neighbours and County [undeciphered word] at home had every opportunity to know this whole matter [one or two undeciphered words] affiants do know if he had been again Called into service from his wounds mentioned he was not

able to march and affiants ever understood and now believe, That Col Terrell did eventually die, of this same wound on his hip and abdomen not many years after that war, in the State of South Carolina. These affiants have personally together, conversed freely & fully of this old matter, living within reach, they chose to do so for this purpose, and all of them agree and on their oaths aver That this Harry Terrell did serve in the virginia line on Continental establishment, as Captain and Major three full successive years. That in the spring of 1779 he reingaged for and during that war and in that year he procured supplies for his [several undeciphered words] commanding as a full Colonel, all these affiants on their oaths aver, That the whole services of this Harry Terrell may and rightfully ought to be Considered and Counted as Capt. Major and full Colonel, from March 1776 to the end of that war during all which time and swear he never was cashiered nor superceded, but finished that war honorable to himself, useful to his Country and at last died of the wounds received in her defence

Sworn to individually and subscribed in open Court on the tenth day of March Eighteen hundred and thirty four



John Nail  
Richard Meade  
Robert Adams  
Benjamin Catney

The evidence in brief.

The four witnesses on their oaths in a regular court of record say, That three of them in march 76 went into the virginia line on Continental establishment, as soldiers in the company commanded by Capt Henry Terrell for three years, the fourth that he went into same service at the same time, in the same Regiment commanded by Capt James Chevis, all of them say, That Capt Terrell faithfully served out that term in which he rose to the command of a major. That at the end of said term Terrell without resigning but remaining in service for and during the war supplied the troops a few months[?], then recruited and in the winter of 79-80 he served the army commanding as a full Colonel a regiment formed of recruits & old soldiers, enlisting during that war. That the Col was by the bursting of a shell badly wounded at the siege of little york which disabled him from active service, on which he was permitted to retire on perpetual furlough unless again Called into service. affiants were with him & under his command throughout that war and at home were his Country men & neighbours. They believe he never was again called on. if he had been from his wound he was not able for duty. That the whole services of this Harry Terrell ought to be counted from march 76 to the end of that war.

The name of Henry Terrill is not returned on the list of Officers of the Virginia Line on file in this office among those, entitled to bounty lands from the U. States

I appears from an official document in this office that a Land Warrant for 5333 acres was granted by the State of Virginia on the 7<sup>th</sup> Aug't 1817 to Major Henry Terrill, for 3 years Services in the Virg'a Continental line  
Bounty Land Office/ June 27<sup>th</sup> 1834

Pikeville 1<sup>st</sup> July 1834

Dear Sir

Inclosed you will receive the documents regarding Terrells claim for additional bounty, and relevant to this claim I am requested to say, It is believed in 1817 bounty was allowed these heirs by virginia, for a major three years in the revolutionary army. Why did these heirs not claim sooner, and when they did, why did they not claim also, as Colonel, It is answered, That Harry Terrell removed from virginia, into North

Carolina distantly in the winter of 1782, Thence in a short time, into South Carolina bordering on Georgia, and there died in a verry few years. His elder children had heard him speak of his claim, but his deep afflictions from his wounds received at Little York, pursued him constantly, and confined him materially before and up to his death. He died, and about this claim, or the laws of Virginia, his children knew nothing, nor of any record, or persons, by whom to make the necessary proof, For the first delay, these facts accounts. In this way this thing stood still, till 1813 or 14 a Mr. Hobson at one time and a Mr Lynch from Campbell Cty va. at another – came on to Carolina & Georgia, where resided then these heirs, to buy this claim. This was the first intimation they ever had that this claim was of any account.

The oldest of the heirs believed, if these Gent could come so far after this claim, it might be worth something, refused to sell, and the rest followed his opinions. Col John Calloway of Campbell County was written to. He was the Countryman and Compatriot and friend of Harry Terrell His reply enabled the heirs to begin the search, and his affidavit now on file in Richmond helped to sustain the claim. But Calloway not having been in the continental line, could not sustain the whole claim, as some old soldiers has since done, so the heirs just went on with what proof they could get, and by it obtained the allowance mentioned. The papers of Henry Terrell fell into the hands of his second wife admx [administratrix of his estate], if he left any war papers, as doubtless he must, they were in this way disregarded and lost, they never came to the knowledge of his Children.

These heirs did at last, find and bro't together men, who were in that war with Terrell. They had scattered off into Georgia, thence to Alabama, and their evidence is at last presented for consideration. The documents appear to have date in 34. Why this delay, these same documents were placed in the hands of Judge McKinly whilst he was in Congress, by some mishap they were mislaid at Washington after a Considerable time, they were sent to McKinely, and by him to me, and by me handed over to the heirs. They become heartless and slept on them ever since, within a few days the documents were sent to me, with a request to send them to Charles S Morgan of Richmond About this additional claim, you had better examine closely. the old documents on file in your land office, on which bounty was allowed, Henry Terrell. If the clerk's certificate (Alexander or anything else among those old papers will aid, use them in this. I would not present this for consideration by His Excellency [the Governor of Virginia] untill all those you now have, shall have been dispos'd of this I think will be best,

The heirs of Watkins & Goggins [sic: Robert Watkins VAS2186 and John Goggin VAS2183] wish to know about whats done, or can be done, about the half pay to them and others.

my letters & opinions you can make what use of, your own cool judgement directs. Believing as I do that the claims, affidavits in proof of all which, were made before me are honest and just. I have written freely myself being of the same name and my certification showing this documentary evidence was made in the Court in which I presided at once I feel it due, to the authorities of Va to these heirs and to myself to say. These claimants are my relatives

That having no possible interest in this matter, I could see no impropriety in the proof being made, in the Court in which I presided, and knowing all these witnesses, as I had long done, I believed it proper officially to certify their perfect credibility. I should like very much to receive a line from you, when you get this. Talk about everything, which will interest a free man, and tell me the price of negroes, men, women, [illegible word] & girls within your range [undeciphered word] the northern neck of va. & Eastern Shore of Maryland &c. Both Charles & his wife will accept the assurance of my respectfull & kind recollections.

[signed] J D Terrell

PS. you will remake [remark?] the document here sent, is certified by Edwin G Moszley by his deputy: And such may have been the same fact in other documents sent. Moszleys certificate sent on lately shows a different hand This is fairly accounted for by the actual custom and practice here in all such cases, at that [undeciphered word] for the deputy to write the clerks name as clerk and not his own. This course is right here although may not comport with the custom & practice of Virginia J D Terrell

NOTE: The file also contains directions to Capt. Harry Terrell for recruiting, but the online image is mostly illegible.