

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Garret Topping VAS23

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of December 1784, in the name of Garret Topping, as a Corporal of Infantry for £26.18.1, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colonel Cropper and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
16th day of December 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

Elizabeth City County to wit

This day personally appeared before me R. S. Banks a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid George Willis & made oath that he was personally well acquainted with Garrett Topping deceased, that he served as a private Soldier of Infantry in the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment in the war of the Revolution for more than 3 years that he was a native of the County of Accomack Virginia – that he deceased in the County in the year 1816 leaving Littleton T Topping & William Topping his sons and heirs at law.

Given under my hand & seal this 27th day of March 1835

S/ R. S. Banks, JP

The Memorial of Littleton T Topping & William R Topping of the Counties of York and Elizabeth City Virginia who are the sons & heirs at law of Garrett Topping deceased.

Your Memorialists beg leave respectfully to represent that the aforesaid claimants reside in the Counties of York & Elizabeth City Virginia aforesaid and that they claim in the Right of a heirs of Garrett Topping (their father) deceased of Accomack County Virginia that he enlisted in the aforesaid County of Accomack Virginia and served as a Soldier of Infantry in the 9th Continental Virginia Regiment for more than three years or until the end of the war of the Revolution and received his regular discharge.

Your Memorialists Beg leave Respectfully to ask for the usual & customary allowance of Land bounty which is made to Soldiers of the Continental line in the war of the Revolution and in support of the claim we beg leave respectfully to refer you to the Enclosed Certificates &c all of which is respectfully Submitted by

Your most obedient Servants

S/ Littleton Topping

S/ Wm R. Topping, X his mark

Littleton Topping
Wm R. Topping
mark

I James Thornton¹ of the County of Accomack aged upwards of Seventy-six years well knew the late Garret Topping in the ninth Virginia Regiment during the revolutionary War. I enlisted for a tower [tour] of five years and served until I was Regularly discharged and I further say that Garret Topping served as Sergeant in the ninth Virginia Regiment for a Tower of three years but cannot say how much longer, and he was regularly discharged given under my hand this 18th day of March 1831

S/ James Thornton, X his mark

¹ [James Thornton S41253](#)