

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Ashby VAS2301  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

To His Excellency John Floyd, Governor of Virginia.

Your petitioner John Ashby of Limestone County State of Alabama, late a Captain of the Continental line of Virginia or State establishment; represents to your Excellency that he entered the service as Captain in the 3<sup>d</sup> Regiment of said line, in July 1776. that while he was in the Service, he received a wound which so disabled him as to render him incapable of active duty, and that in consequence thereof he was placed on the list of invalid Officers, and continued in that situation to the end of the war.

Your petitioner has received no part of his bounty land, and therefore prays your Excellency to grant him an order on the register for a warrant for the same and he will pray &c.

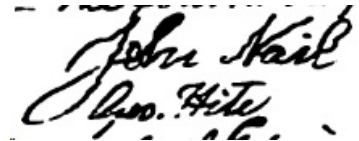
John Ashby/ by his attorney

Rec'd 24 March 1834

The State of Alabama Marion County  
February Session 1834

At the above term of this Court appointed by law, John Nail [VAS356] of Monroe County Mississippi and George Hite of Madison County in the State of Alabama each of whom was first lawfully sworn and on their oaths saith, that affiant Nail was a soldier and in low[?] office from March 1776 to the end of the war. That in the Summer of 1776 as he now has reason to believe, he knew one John Ashby, who constantly commanded as a Captain, he believes in the third regiment, tho not certain, and he thinks that said Regiment was commanded by Col Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield] perhaps Peachy [sic: William Peachey], tho also not certain, Ashby got wounded, tho affiant cant now state in what battle, and he believes in 1778 or 9. Ashby was an invalid or supernumerary officer, affiant George Hite saith that himself went into the virginia Continental Service in the fall of 1780, and as lieutenant and Ensign served out that war, this gave him an opportunity of knowing about the affairs of it,

He knows nothing when Ashby went into service nor for how long but early in his own service, he became acquainted with Capt Ashby, who was then an invalid or supernumerary officer. Both affiants Nail and Hite agree, that this John Ashby now in Court, is the same Capt John Ashby we used to know in the army, tho his face is so old, we should not have known it, yet he has the same wound we remember, and his relations of the war times, satisfies us that he is the same man, and affiants on full conversation with each other and with Ashby, on their oaths are satisfied, that this John Ashby as an officer in the virginia line on Continental establishment, is well entitled to whatever bounty land virginia promised  
Sworn to & subscribed in open court on the fourth day of February Eighteen hundred and thirty four

Handwritten signatures of John Nail and Geo. Hite in cursive ink.

To his Excellency Littleton Waller Tazewell Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The Petition of the undersigned who are the heirs of John Ashby dec'd an officer in the revolution Humbly represent, that they have been informed that the Commissioner who was appointed for the purpose of reporting upon the claims of the officers of the revolution, has reported that certain Land Bounty was due to the said John Ashby. Your petitioners therefore pray that the Land bounty due to said John Ashby as ascertained by the said commissioner and reported, may be granted unto your petitioners, and they will as in duty bound ever pray &c.

[The following names are scarcely legible in the online images.]

Thomson Ashby	Jamima[?] Ashby of Samuel	William Ashby son[?] of John		
William Ashby	William C Ashby	Do	Mary T Ashby	Do
Turner Ashby	Maria Chancellor	Do	Lucy S Ashby	Do
Marshall Ashby	Mary Grantham	Do	Susan Ashby	Do
Martha Withers	Nelly Teet[?]	Do	Eliza M Neale	Do
Elizabeth T Ashby	Martha Ashby	Do		
wife of Nimrod Ashby	Caroline Ashby	Do		

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John Teet her husband

Elizabeth Teet formerly Ashby

[undeciphered] Ashby wife of Henry Ashby Dec'd

[two undeciphered words]

Polly Lightfoot formerly Jones

Betsy Fuchs formerly Jones

Harriet Axom Do Jones

Juliett Jones

John A Jones

Frances daughter Jones

Robert Jones

[The file also contains a petition by Thompson Ashby for himself and other heirs for additional land bounty, but the online image is mostly illegible.]

Additional land bounty is allowed in this case for a service from 27<sup>th</sup> March 1782 to 3 Nov 1783 as  
Captain in the Continental line  
D Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]  
13 April 1838

NOTES:

According to E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution*, Capt. John Ashby began service in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Continental Regiment on 18 March 1776 at the time it was commanded by Col. Hugh Mercer, and Ashby was wounded at the battle of Germantown on 4 Oct 1777.

This Capt. John Ashby may be the same person as John Ashby R12159.