

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Belvin VAS2480
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The deposition of Mary Saunders aged sixty five years taken in the Town and County of York in the State of Virginia, the nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

The deponent being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith; That at the commencement of the War of the American Revolution she had four Brothers viz Thomas, John [John Belvin], William [William Belvin] and Robert Belvin [VAS2479], the two first of whom forthwith enlisted in the public services and continued therein for several years, when they returned from the northward whither they were sent, upon being enlisted, to this County. Before they returned however, William & Robert also enlisted, William in a Light Horse Troop and Robert in a Company of Artillery as well as this deponent recollects; William remained until the war was ended and Robert about three years or thereabouts. Thomas and John did not continue at home long before they returned into the same service and continued therein three years during which tour, Thomas, in some engagement which this deponent has now forgotten, received a wound in one of his Thumbs. This deponent further states, that Thomas Belvin was the oldest of her Brothers and Robert was the youngest, and all were older than this deponent Robert being at least five years older than she was. Thomas died shortly after the conclusion of the war unmarried without Issue. William was married, but died without leaving wife or child. John died at a tolerably advance age in destitute circumstances leaving several children, only one of whom, a son called [undeciphered] residing in the adjoining County of Gloucester, is now alive as far as this deponent knows or has been informed. Robert died in the year 1806 leaving eight children in this County, in needy circumstances to wit, Martha, Diana, Thomas, Robert, William, John, James and Elizabeth, all of whom are either alive or have left children except Elizabeth who died unmarried.

Further this deponent saith not

Mary herXmark Saunders

The deposition of Henry Buchanan [S37807] aged sixty nine years taken at the Hampton Halfway House in the County of York and state of Virginia, the 14th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

The deponent being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith; That he was well acquainted with Thomas, John, William and Robert Belvin, during the War of the American Revolution that in 1778 or 1779 Thomas and John Belvin returned home from the north after serving a tour of duty, and in a short time After they returned (say) in 1779, the other two brothers's William and Robert enlisted in the army and marched toward the South (say) Charleston, The deponent recollects well of their enlisting and marching but does not know whether they enlisted for three years only or during the war.

Further this deponent saith not

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "H".