

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Jasper Billings VAS2514  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County Sc.

Personally appeared John Quinn [S38322] a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States before me Benj Watkins a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid & made Oath, that he thinks it was in the year 1777 he was well acquainted with a certain Jasper Billings in the County aforesaid, & that in that year he enlisted in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary Struggle for 3 years under Capt. John Duley [sic: John Dooly; see endnote] & marched under the said Duley to the South & that he afterwards understood that the said Billings was taken prisoner in an engagement with the British & sent to St. Marys Iland.

Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> September 1833                      Jno hisXmark Quinn

State of Virginia  
Pittsylvania County towit

This day Jesse Gwinn [S8645] a Credible man of this County personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath, that in the time of the Revolutionary War he Enlisted with Capt John Dooley in the State of Virginia and acted with him as a Serjeant of Cavalry. That Jasper Billings also Enlisted with him in the County of Pittsylvania State of Virginia and marched into the State of Georgia, where he served for some time. How long he remained or what become of him he does not now recollect, but Believes that he died in the said Service. That he is confident, that he never returned to the County of Pittsylvania.

Given under my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834  
Jno Williams Jr J.P

Petition for bounty land.

Jasper Billings Soldier C. L.

Two witnesses, only one of whom is proved to be credible, says that Jasper Billings enlisted with Captain John Dooley, and marched to the south; where, one of them says, he died in the service & the other says, he was taken prisoner, one witness says he (Billings) enlisted for three years and served a long time &c – the other says nothing about the term of enlistment, or service.

There was no such officer, I believe, of the Va Continental line, as John Dooley. Perhaps he was from Georgia; and was one of the officers who were permitted by resolution, an act of the General Assembly to reenlist men in Virginia, for the service of Georgia. The men so recruited were not entitled to bounty land from Virginia; but were consider'd as part of the Quota of Georgia.

In my point of view, the claim appears doubtful	Respectfully submitted
To his Excellency    }	John H. Smith Com'r
Gov. Tazewell        }	June 16 <sup>th</sup> 1834

NOTE: Col. John Dooly of the Georgia militia was murdered by Tories in August 1780.