

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

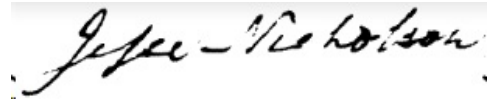
Virginia documents pertaining to John Branham VAS2614
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Affidavit of Jesse Nicholson [S5832] of Portsmouth, Virginia.

The affiant being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he is now seventy-four years of age, and that he was a soldier of the revolution in the fifteenth Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel David Mason. That he knew John Branham of Portsmouth, Virginia, that said Branham enlisted in the 2nd Virginia Regiment soon after the Revolutionary War commenced, the affiant thinks in the year 1776, as a private and was afterwards promoted – and that said Branham served until after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; at which time he returned home wearing his uniform and side arms.

Sworn to and subscribed this 24th day of Oct'r 1833.



Petition for Bounty land.

The Heirs of Lieut. John Branham S.L.

The name of Lieut John Branham is not on the army Register; nor has it been found on any of the Rolls of the Army. One witness proves, that John Branham entered the army as a Soldier, in the 2nd Va Reg't (he thinks in 1776) – was promoted, and served until after the siege of York.

In vol. III Papers concerning the army of the Revolution, John Branham is often mentioned in Edward Homslons[?] book of accounts (for 1780) as Deputy Qr. Master. I have nowhere found him recognized as Lieutenant. If he served, as a private for three years, (which is probable) his heirs are entitled to the Bounty land offered by Law to privates, for that term of service.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency/ Gov. Tazewell

April 22nd 1834

The heirs of Lt John Branham pray an allowance of Bounty Land for his services for 3 yrs.

Rich'd D. Webb/ for the heirs.

Rej[ected] 10 Dec'r 1833