

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Brightwell VAS2645
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in the file of Jesse Brightwell VAS2644.]

I certify it appears from a list of such of the names of the soldiers of the Virginia State line on continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of Assembly passed the Nov'r session 1781 that a Certificate issued on the 13th June 1783 in the name of John Britewell a soldier of infantry for £16.16.8 which certificate was rec'd by Capt D Ragsdale [Drury Ragsdale BLWt1854-300] J. E. Heath Aud/ Aud Off Dec. 26 1822

City of Richmond towit This day Anderson Britewell [Anderson Brightwell W18643] of the County of Charlotte, personally appeared before me, Senior Alderman for the City aforesaid, and made Oath, that he was personally acquainted with the within named John Britewell, – That after he had been in service, as within mentioned, he Enlisted during the war, and served to the end thereof, and was regularly discharged: that in the year 1796, he died, and without a Will, as it has been said, and uniformly believed, and that he has now surviving a Widow, named Elizabeth Britewell, and two Children named William Britewell, and Jason Britewell, who are all of his Legal Representatives. Given under my hand this 13th day of March 1823. Sam'l McCraw/ Sen'r Alderman

City of Richmond towit: This day the aforesaid Mrs. Elizabeth Britewell also personally appeared before, and made Oath, that she is the Widow of the within named John Britewell Dec'd and together with her aforesaid sons, are the Legal Representatives, he having Died without a Will, as far as she knows or believes. She also further maketh Oath, that as far as she knows or believes, that her said Husband never Obtained in his life time his bounty, to Military Lands, for his afores'd Services, and that since his Decease, she hath not received any compensation therefor
Given under my hand this 13th day of March 1823. Sam'l McCraw/ Sen'r Alderman

City of Richmond towit: This day Mrs. Elizabeth Brightwell, Widow of John Brightwell Dec'd personally appeared before me Senior Alderman of the City aforesaid, and made Oath, that William Brightwell, late a soldier in the Virginia Continental line served to the end of the late American Revolutionary War, and as she verily believes had enlisted during the said War, and at the time, that her late Husband John Brightwell Enlisted. That the said William Brightwell, died in the year 1805, and intestate, as she has always understood and believes, leaving a Brother named Anderson Brightwell and one Sister, named Lucy Powers, his only legal Representatives.
Given under my hand, this 17th day of March 1823./ Sam'l McCraw/ Sen'r Alderman

City of Richmond towit This day Anderson Brightwell, personally appeared before me Senior Alderman of the City aforesaid, and made Oath that he is the same person, named in the foregoing Affidavit of Mrs. Brightwell's. That he has not received the bounty in Military land, due his Deceased Brother, nor as far as he knows and believes, has any one received the same; but he knows with absolute certainty, that he never gave any power, or authority, to any one to receive the same.
Given under my hand, this 17th day of March 1823./ Sam'l McCraw/ Sen'r Alderman

City of Richmond towit. This day Mrs Elizabeth Brightwell Widow of John Brightwell Dec'd personally appeared before me Senior Alderman of the City aforesaid, and made Oath, that she was well

acquainted with Jesse Brightwell a Brother of her late Husband, and of Anderson Brightwell. That she always understood, and believes, that the said Jesse Brightwell enlisted in the late Virginia continental line, during the late American Revolutionary War, some time in March 1779, for and during the said War, under Cap. Thomas Bowyer [BLWt268-300], in which company the said Anderson also enlisted, for the same term of service. That she always understood and believes, that the said Jesse Brightwell was killed in Charleston, a few days before the Death of his Colo. Parker [Richard Parker, 24 Apr 1780], to whose Regiment he belonged. That the said Jesse Brightwell was unmarried, and died intestate, as it is said and believed, leaving the aforesaid Anderson Brightwell his Brother & Mrs Lucy Power's, his only legal Representatives.

Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1823./ Sam'l McCraw/ Sen'r Alderman

City of Richmond towit This day Anderson Brightwell personally appeared before me Senior Alderman of the City afores'd and made Oath, that he is the same person named in the last mentioned Affidavit of Mrs Brightwell. That the [the rest missing]

Auditors Office/ 17 March 1823

I Certify that it Appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a Certificate issued in the name of Wm Brightwell, a soldier of Infantry, on the 23rd April 1784 for the sum of £15.12.0 which Certificate was issued to Wm Reynolds.

Ja E Heath aud'r

Auditors Office/ 17 March 1823

I Certify that it Appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a Certificate issued in the name of Jesse Brightwell, a soldier of Infantry, on the 30th April 1785 for the sum of £18.13.8 which Certificate was received by Wm Reynolds.

Ja E Heath aud'r

[The following are in the file of John Brightwell.]

Commonwealth of Virginia/ Pittsylvania County towit

William H Shelton a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid do hereby Certify that Anthony D. Haden [S18013] Personaly appeared before me & made Oath that in March 1779 Jesse Brightwell Leonard Brightwell [VAS2646] & Anderson Brightwell three Brothers enlisted in the Continental Army under Capt Thomas Bowyer of the U. S. Army. The said Three Brothers were faithful soldiers. Jesse Brightwell was killed in the Battle at Charleston SC when under the Command of Capt Bell. Col Parkers Reg't. this affiant further makes Oath that the Two surviving Brothers Leonard & Anderson served in the U. S. Army during the War at the Close of which both were Honorably discharged – Since which time Leonard died Leaving Anderson the only Surviving Brother.

Given under my hand & seal this 31 Jan'y 1828 anth'y D Haden
Subscribed & sworn to before me this 31 Jan'y 1828

Heirs of Jno Brightwell allowed 15 Mar 1823
d'o Leon'd Brightwell same
d'o Jesse Brightwell 21 May 1823
d'o Wm Brightwell same

[The following are in the file of Leonard Brightwell.]

Auditors Office/ 26 dec'r 1822

I Certify that it Appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a Certificate issued on the 28th day of Nov'r 1783 in the name of Leonard Brightwell for £38.3.10

Ja E Heath aud'r

Richmond 15 Mar 1823.

I am not so well acquainted with Capt. Hezekiah Morton's hand writing as to be prepared to swear that the above certificate [not found] positively is over his signature, but having formerly had occasion, not unfrequently, to see his writing, I feel at liberty to certify that I do fully believe that the certificate was written and signed by him. Given under my hand as above dated/ John H. Rice