

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Childress VAS2986
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency the Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of "John Childress" late of Prince Edward, who was a soldier and sergeant of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the Revolution: Respectfully sheweth:

That the said John Childress enlisted for three years, sometime in 1777, under Capt Everard Meade [BLWt2063-300], and was attached to the 2^d Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood R18089]. That the said John Childress, shortly after enlistment was made a Sergeant in the said company of Capt Meade and continued to act in that capacity until his term of enlistment for three years expired. All of which will appear from the accompanying certificate of John Crute [John L. Crute S24980] late a Lieutenant of the Continental Army.

That the name of the said John Childress appears on the army Register of the Continental line, and that he never received in his life time, nor his representatives since, the Land Bounty promised by the State of Virginia to her continental officers and soldiers.

Your Memorialist, therefore, pray that the Executive of Virginia, will grant them as the Heirs of said John Childress, the usual quantity of Land, allowed a Sergeant of the Continental line for three years' service, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

William Ellington/ Nancy Ellington

Virginia: Prince Edward County to wit:

This day William Ellington and Nancy his wife heirs of John Childress Decd, came before me a Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, and made oath that the facts as set forth in the foregoing Memorial, they believe to be true. Given under my hand this 21st day of April 1838

Vincent Phillips J.P.

Virginia. Prince Edward County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Childress in the Revolutionary war: the said Childress enlisted for three years sometime in 1777, and was attached to the command of Capt Everard Meade of the 2^d Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Spotswood. The said John Childress was made Sergeant in the said company, and acted in that capacity until his term of enlistment expired.

Given under my hand this 17th day of January 1838.

John Crute Lt. late of the
Continental Army



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 6th day of May 1784, in the name of John Childress as a Sergeant of Infantry for £22.1.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr Booker and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 28th day of June 1838.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.