

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Christian VAS3000
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Most of the images are poor]

I James Christian of the County of Charles City and State of Virginia do certify that I was well acquainted with the late Capt. Joseph Christian of the said County and was acquainted with [several undeciphered words] at the time that I kept store at [undeciphered] Forge and that he enlisted in the Army and I never did see him again for several years until he was said to have returned from serves and from that time until his death I was acquainted with him and his Character was such as to Entitle him to the promotion as Captain in the said County of Militia given under my hand this 2nd day of Nov'r 1832
[signed] James Christian Sr

I Wyatt Walker of the County of Charles City and state of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Cap Joseph Christian of said County, and know that he was a Soldier in the regular service in the War of the revolution, and Continental establishment, where he served two years. After his return from the War, he became [illegible] neighbour of mine, and my acquaintance with him continued until the period of his death. And I can say with truth that no Soldier of the revolution with whom I was acquainted stood higher among his comrades as a brave and Valiant Man. Indeed his fame as a Soldier was proverbial as far as he was known. I have often heard him in company with the Soldiers of that period [undeciphered word] his important services in the momentous battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], red bank [22 Oct 1777], [illegible] Island, [several illegible words] by them. I can not speak of the fact from personal knowledge, but it was generally understood and believed, that he acted in the character of Lieutenant at the battle at York[?] Town [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], having heard him say [several illegible words]. And no man who knew the said Capt Christian ever doubted the truth of any statement made by him. There were many salient acts performed by the said Capt. Christian which elicited his characted as a Soldier. I will only mention one of publick notoriety at that period, and universally admitted to be true. Having returned a few days previous from the Northern army, and being in the neighborhood of his brother in Laws Residence in the County of New Kent whilst the Brittish Army was passing through the county. The Brittish Soldiers went to the house of his said Brother in Law, the Late Jacob Parkinson of said County, and commenced plundering the House. Having taken a quantity of Bacon &c and alarmed the family almost to death, one of the daughters, knowing that her uncle, (the said Capt. Christian) was about a half mile from the house, in company with about thirty of the Americans, ran where he was screaming in the most frantic manner, and stated that two Brittish Soldiers were at the House. Capt Christian immediately applied to his comrades to assist him in defending his relatives, but being alarmed they all refused to accompany him when without hesitating a moment, he cut a Hicory Club and made for the house, when he arrived there, he found one of the Soldiers, with a Scrub Brush held over the head of his Sister in the attitude of [undeciphered word] for the purpose of compelling her to make discovery of money and other goods. When he boldly attacked them, striped them of there Booty, and took one of them whom he delivered on the next day to the American General. The success of his attack on two men, armed, can only be accounted for on the ground of the boldness of the attack, and the apprehension they were under, that he would be assisted by others. Given under my hand this 28th day of Nov'r. 1832.
[Certified before James H. Christian JP] Wyatt Walker

I James Bullifant [S39236] of the County of Charles City and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Capt Joseph Christian of the said county and state and knew him to be a Soldier in the War of the American Revolution for several years on Continental establishment. I having

myself served with him in the 6th Virginia regiment. The said Joseph Christian faught with me in many of the important Battle of that momentous period towit Trentown Princetown Germantown Brandywine and the long Seige of Mud Island Fort [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777]. I can say with throuth that Capt Christian was a brave and Valliant Soldier indeed his fame as a Soldier became proverbial throughout the circle of his acquaintance Some of the said Christians comrades of that period speak of his services at the Battle of Yorktown in the character of Lieutenant. I was not there myself and therefor cannot speak of his services at that place

Given under my hand this 2nd day of Dec'r 1832

James Xhis mark Bullifant

New Kent County State of Virginia to wit

I William Ladd [W8079] of said county do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Capt Joseph Christian of Charles City County and know that he served in the war of the american Revolution on the Contineltal establishment in the character of Lieutenant from about the middle of the summer 1776 say about July of that year untill the seige of Yorktown in Virginia in 1781 and that his service was a continual one except a part of the year 1782[?] and I can say with perfect propriety that he the said Christian was one among the most faithful soldiers of the Revolution given under my hand

I do also certify that I am now seventy three years of age
this 20th day of January 1834

given under my hand

William hisXmark Ladd

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Joseph Christian that is mostly illegible. It appears to have been signed on 30 March 1825. Another mostly illegible document was signed by Robert Christian on 23 Jan 1833.