

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Purcell (Pursell) VAS308

vsl 6VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

### Petition for Bounty Land

Henry Purcell – Soldier – S. line [State line]

This soldier's name is on the Army Register – He received £11.1.2 the balance of his full pay as a Soldier.

The credible witness says – that he enlisted in the Second State Regiment, in the year 1777 & was discharged in the year 1781; having served the full term of his enlistment, which was three years. This soldier appears to be entitled to bounty land.

If your Excellency should allow bounty land it should be for a service, as Soldier in the State line, for a term of three years.

Respectfully submitted  
John H Smith, Commissioner &c  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 1834

To his Excellency  
Gov. Tazewell

I Alexander Shackelford<sup>1</sup> of King and Queen County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Henry Purcill [sic] who was a private soldier in the Second State Regiment in the revolutionary war, he enlisted for three years and marched to the North at the same time [one or more indecipherably faint words] which was in the year 1777? [last digit to faint to discern], I enlisted in the year 1777 and marched to the North in the year 1778 and arrived at Valley Forge on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May in the same year the said Henry Persill [sic] came home about the same time I was discharged which was in the year 1781. I received my discharge from Colonel Allison in Petersburg the said Pursill [sic] entered the Army in the year 1777 and was discharged in the year 1781 having served his three years out faithfully, I was under the command of Captain Abner Crump in the first Virginia state Regiment. As witness my hand and seal this [illegibly faint] day of November in the year 1833

S/ Alexander C. Shackelford, X his mark

[Note: This file also contains a deposition given in Gloucester County Virginia by William Figg, 69, who also testified as to the service of the veteran but the body of the document is so faint as to be mostly indecipherable. This affiant does not appear to have stated that he served with the veteran.]

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