

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

Virginia documents pertaining to Major Topping VAS3089
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I certify that John B Hickman [(John Berry) S18445] who is a man of truth & veracity & of sound mind & memory & entitled to full confidence in all his statements, came before me & made oath that he was well acquainted with Major Topping & that some time during the Revolutionary War the said Topping enlisted in the Continental service & served till the War ended.

Witness my hand & seal this 15th Sep'r 1832 at Accomack County Wm R. Custis JP

John Charnock Sen'r. [S38598] a Revolutionary pensioner of the U. States & who is a credible Witness, came before me this day & made oath that he served a term of 18 months in Capt Thos Parkers [Thomas Parker BLWt1741-300] Company of Infantry in the Revolutionary War in the 11th Va. Continental Regiment, & that Major Topping enlisted to serve as a soldier in said Company "during the War", & served till the war ended.

Witness my hand & seal this 22^d Sep'r 1832 at Accomack County Wm R. Custis JP

Spencer Kellam [W1178] a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States and a man of the strictest truth & veracity & of good memory came before me & made oath that he served a tour of 18 months in Capt. Thomas Parkers company of Infantry in the 11th Virginia Regiment in the Continental Line of the Revolution & that Major Topping served in said Company as a soldier to the end of the War. Witness my hand & seal this 22^d September 1832 at Accomack County Wm R. Custis JP

At a Court held for Accomack County on the 28th day of May 1783.

Ordered that the following allowances be made to the wives and children of poor Soldiers in the service of these States Viz

To Catharine Topping wife of Major Topping and one child, Two barrels of Corn and one hundred weight of pork. A Copy. Teste J's. J. Ailworthy Dy for Thos R Joynes CAC

To the Executive.

By reference to the act of assembly of October 1779 which is found Vol. 10 Henings Statutes at large page 212 [<http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-10.htm>], it will be seen that all former laws authorizing allowances to the wives & children of soldiers in service of the U. States were repealed leaving power in the Courts to make such allowances only where the soldier was then, (Oct. 1771) in actual service, & on proof made that his wife & children were too poor to maintain themselves; and it is believed that no law was ever passed afterwards allowing provisions to those who entered the service after Oct. 1779. This record then proves (independent of the foregoing strong & unquestionable testimony) two facts.

1st That the soldier (Topping) was then in service (May 1783) and 2^d That he was in service in Oct. 1779 when this law was passed & thus his family became entitled to the allowance. The amount given by the daughter & only heir of Major Topping is, that her father enlisted (as he always said) when the 11th Va Regiment was first raised in 1778 to serve "during the war" and this statement is strongly corroborated by the evidence. Respectfully submitted.