

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Daniel Colvin and Mason Colvin VAS3095
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

State of Virginia }
Culpeper County } SS

On this 3rd day of May 1834 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for s'd county personally appeared Peter Triplett [Peter H. Triplett W2706] of said county aged upwards of 80 years and of good character for veracity who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and after having serve some years in the north was finally enlisted by Capt Benj Roberts [Benjamin Roberts S31343] for Major Slaughter's [George Slaughter W8729] Battalion, and that he marched to the west and continued in that service to the termination of hostilities. That he knew Daniel Colvin late of this county in that service and knows that he enlisted at the time the company was raised which he thinks was in 1779 and continued to serve to the close when he with deponent came home together after they were discharged. That coming home he well recollects the said Daniel Colvin being along from the circumstance of his being with him attending to his son Mason Colvin who got a fall on the Alleghany and was very much crippled. That he knew s'd Daniel Colvin ever since the Revolution until within the last few years when he died, and that the man now by him and at whose request this is given is the reputed oldest son of said Daniel now living.

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On this 3rd day of May 1834 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for s'd count personally appeared Peter Triplett of s'd county aged upwards of 80 years and of good character for veracity who being duly sworn deposed and saith, That he was a soldier of the Revolution and after having served several years in the North was finally enlisted by Capt Ben Roberts of Slaughter's Battalion that he served in the west to the close of the war and then was discharged. That he knew Mason Colvin in said service and well remembers that he was a son of Daniel Colvin who was also in the service and being a rare circumstance impressed his mind. That s'd Mason Colvin and deponent were discharged at same time and came home together. That on the way some where in the Alleghany s'd Mason got a fall from a horse or rather a horse fell on him by which he was much injured. That s'd Mason lived several years after the war and then died, and that he was the son of said Daniel and consequently brother of the heirs [part apparently missing at bottom of page] he was intimate in the family and cannot be mistaken as to his not having married.

Given under my hand this day and year last above written.

F. J. Thompson J.P.

Petition for Bounty land.

The Heir of Daniel Calvin }
& } Sold'r C. L.
of Mason Calvin }

The witness of credibility, says that Daniel Calvin, and Mason Calvin, were in service with him in Capt Ben. Roberts Company belonging to Slaughter's Detachment. That Daniel Calvin enlisted in 1779 when the s'd Roberts' Company was rais'd. He does not say when Mason Calvin enlisted. That both Daniel & Mason Calvin were discharged with the witness when Slaughters Battalion was discharged.

Daniel Calvin has been reported by me in the Printed Illinois list. [undeciphered word] entitled to bounty land, for a service of three years. Mason Calvin was not reported, as entitled to bounty land. But

Mason Canan (the name being badly written was mistaken for Calvin) was reported entitled to bounty land, for a service of 3 years.

These men, Daniel & Mason Calvin, both enlisted in Captain Benj. Roberts' Company, Nov'r 14th 1779, for three years, or for the war, (which were according to law the term of enlistment in the Illinois Regt.) and were discharged with Slaughters detachment & Crocketts [Joseph Crockett] Regt. the last of 1781 pursuant to General orders – there being no longer need of their services.

I report them entitled to bounty land for a service of three years according to the terms of their enlistment. They actually served only about 2 years. But they are unquestionably entitled to all the benefits of an actual service of at least three years; they having been prevented from complying with their engagement, by the act of the State, who discharg'd them, perhaps, against their wishes. I submit, the question, whether they are not, both, entitled to bounty land – for the war. It is ot my province, to decide it.

For the evidence on which, I have reported these claims, in List No [undeciphered], see the Illinois Payrolls, in vol. I. Illinois papers, which book is in the 1st auditors office.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

June 21st 1834

To Gov'r Tazewell

Aug't 14 1834: Advised that these claims be allowed for a service by the claimants respectively for a service of three years as privates in the Illinois Regiment

approved/ Aug't 14, 1834/ L.W.T. [Gov. Littleton Waller Tazewell]