

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Cunningham VAS3223
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

Virginia. Prince Edward County to wit: [22 Sep 1836]

I Joseph [last name illegible; Joseph Davidson W6977] do hereby Certify that John Cunningham of Prince Edward enlisted in the Spring of, 1777, as a Soldier under Captain William Cunningham, to serve for the period of Three years, and was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Richard Parker [BLWt525-500] and General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850]. He served the full term of three years, and was honorably discharged. He was also engaged in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Mud Island fort [siege of Fort Mifflin 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777], and Stony point [16 Jul 1779], during his service and acquitted himself with credit. I was in the same company with him the whole Time. I am in the 84th year of my age and am a Pensioner of the United States. Joseph hisXmark Davidson

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of John Cunningham Dec'd, late of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia, who was a soldier of Infantry of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment during the war of the Revolution –

Your Memorialist respectfully represent, that they were too young to have any personal knowledge of the services of the said John Cunningham in the Revolutionary war; and have to rely on the statement of others who were with him in the service. That the said John Cunningham enlisted as a soldier of the State line of Virginia in the Spring of, 1777, under Capt William Cunningham, to serve for the period of Three years, and was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Col Richard Parker and General Muhlenburg. He was marched first to Williamsburg, and attached to the command of Capt. Calohil Mennis [sic: Calohill Minnis BLWt1507-300], and thence to the Head Quarters of the Army in the State of New Jersey. In the mean time, Capt Wm Cunningham under whom he enlisted, had been promoted and made Major. He served, under various officers, the full period of three years for which he enlisted, and was honorably discharged. He was also engaged in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Mud Island Fort, Stony Point and other engagements of less consequence, in all of which he acquitted himself with much credit. All of which will more readily appear by the [one or more lines missing at bottom of page] veracity cannot be questioned.

Your Memorialist further represent, that his name appears on the Army Register of the Continental line, as will appear by reference to Report of John H. Smith esq, late commissioner of Revolutionary Claims.

Your Memorialist, therefore pray, that they be allowed the quantity of land to which the said John Cunningham in his life time was entitled, for services rendered in the War of the Revolution, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such cases made and provided. And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c.

B. J. Worsham } Representatives of Jacob Cunningham a brother, & Eliz'a Scott and
Susannah R M Worsham } Sussanah Booker Two sisters of John Cunningham.

Virginia. Prince Edward County to wit:

This day Branch J. Worsham and Susanah R. M. his wife, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in the county aforesaid and made oath that the facts as stated in the foregoing memorial subscribed by them, are true, so far as they believe. Given under my hand this 4th day of November 1836.

Nathaniel Jones J.P.

[Certified by Branch J. Worsham, Clerk of court of Prince Edward County.]