

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gregory Orrell [Orrill] VAS343

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

I Certify that – I was well acquainted with Gregory Orrill of King & Queen County who enlisted in the Revolutionary war under Captain Bohannon of the Second State Regiment – Commanded by Colonel William Brent – for the term of three years and that he served his term out and was honorably discharged. –

As witness my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832

S/ Alexander Shackelford,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

To his Excellency John Floyd Governor of the State of Virginia, the petition of Robert Orrill the only heir of Gregory Orrill Deceased respectfully represents that his father the said Gregory Orrill was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted under Captain Bohannon of the Second Regiment of the State of Virginia for the Term of three years or for and during the war. He refers to the Certificate accompanying this petition as evidence upon this point. Your petitioner has every reason to believe that the said Gregory Orrill never did receive a land warrant for his bounty land, annual petitioner now seeks to obtain that Justice in the premises which by a recent act of Congress has been awarded to all those severally Circumstanced with himself. He therefore asks that a warrant may be granted him for the lands due to his father for his military Services, and in duty bound he will ever Pray.

[no indication of any signature on this document]

Petition for bounty land

Gregory Orrell – soldier C. L.

This soldier's name is on the Army Register. A certificate for £36 – issued for the balance of his full pay.

Leonard Shackelford, a Revolutionary Soldier, and a respectable witness, says that Alexander Orrell enlisted in 1778 or 1779 in the Continental Army, and for the term of three years or during the war – that he was attached to Colonel Harrison's Regiment of artillery: and served his term of enlistment fully out, as he the witness knows.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1834

To his Excellency

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<sup>1</sup> Probably the same man as [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)

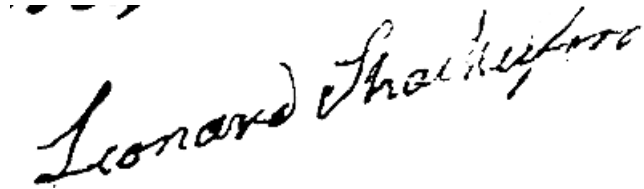
Governor Tazewell

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford<sup>2</sup> of the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia.

This affiant being duly sworn according to law states upon oath that he is a revolutionary pensioner, going on seventy-six years of age, and that he was well acquainted with Gregory Orrell late of the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia, that the said Orrill enlisted as a private in the revolutionary War, under Lieutenant Bernard Jeffries, who was a recruiting officer, from the aforesaid County, sometime in the year 1778 or 9 for three years or during the War, and went to Williamsburg and was attached to Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery that the said Orrell served his time of enlistment fully out to the said Shackelford's knowledge and further this affiant saith not.

Sworn and subscribed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1834 before me

S/ Leonard Shackelford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leonard Shackelford". The signature is written in black ink and is slanted upwards from left to right. There are some faint horizontal lines above the signature, possibly from a stamp or another document.

[attested April 15, 1834]

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<sup>2</sup> [Leonard Shackelford S6085](#)