

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Orrell [Orrill, Orrile] VAS344

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

To his Excellency, John Floyd Governor of the State of Virginia, the petition of Philip Orrill the only heir of Joseph Orrile [sic] Deceased Respectfully represents, that his father this late Joseph Orrile was Soldier of the Revolutionary war, that he enlisted under Captain Bohannon of the second Regiment of the State of Virginia commanded by Colonel Wm Brent 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 Joseph Orrile 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 similarly Circumstanced with himself. He therefore asked that a warrant may be granted him for this lands due to his father for his military services, and, as in duty bound he will ever pray.

[There is no indication that this document was actually signed]

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford of the County of Kenan and Queen in State of Virginia. This affiant being duly sworn according to law, states upon his oath that he is a Revolutionary pensioner, going on seventy-six years old, and that he was well acquainted with Joseph Orrell, late of the County & State aforesaid. That the said Orrell Enlisted in the Revolutionary War Sometime in the year 1778 or 9 under Lieutenant Bernard Jeffries who was a recruiting officer of the said County of King and Queen, that the said Orrell Enlisted for three years or during the War; He does not know or recollect the number of the Regiment to which the said or realm belonged, but remembers very well, that he was in the Regiment of artillery, commanded by Captain Roane and Colonel Harrison, and this affiant states that the said Orrell served to the end of the War, and further this affiant saith not.

Sworn and subscribed this ___ day of ___ 1834 before me

S/ Leonard Shackelford¹

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[Attested April 15th, 1834]

¹ [Leonard Shackelford S6085](#)

Petition for Bounty Land

Joseph Orrell – Soldier C. L.

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

Leonard Shackelford, a Revolutionary Soldier, a Pensioner of the United States, and a respectable witness, says – that Joseph Orrell whom he knew very well, enlisted in 1778, or 1779, in the Revolutionary Army, for three years or during the war; he was in Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery – and served to the end of the war.

Respectfully reported
John H Smith Commissioner &c
May 21st, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

I Certify that I was well acquainted with Joseph Orrill of King & Queen County who enlisted under Captain Bohannon of the Second State Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Brent in the Revolutionary war, for the Term of three years and that he served his time out and was honorably discharged as witness my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1832.

S/ Alexander Shackelford,² X his mark

² [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)