

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Galford VAS3669
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The image is very poor.
Punctuation partly corrected.]

I certify that as the Lieutenant of Captain M. Bowyers [Michael Bowyer BLWt288-300] Company in the month of July 1776 I enlisted Thomas Galford, James Reddin [VAS3670] and John Slaven [S6110] – our destination then was to form at the mouth of the Little Kanawha, or other parts of the Western Country which Circumstances might require for the Term of two years – which Company marched under my command. But in consequence of sundry murders committed by the indians on the waters of & on Tygarts Valey [sic: Tygart Valley] Governor [Patrick] Henry sent an Express which ordered [two undeciphered words] or for the fall or winter at Tygarts Valey

The Legislature in December 1776 attached this company with others similarly situated to the 12th Virginia Regiment commanded by the then Colo James Wood [BLWt2419-500]. In consequence they were marched to join the american army; when in Winchester proposals of reenlistment was made & many of the Men enlisted for three years or during the Warr. The before mentioned men with some others declined reenlisting but proposed if they were permitted always to serve under my command that they would serve three years. The being expert Marksmen & Valuable soldiers. I thus engaged with them determined if I should be removed to any other department that their case should be represented to Genl. Washington. It so happened that they continued under my command during their full term which they faithfully performed & were honorably discharged

In the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] (& previous) Thomas Galford distinguished himself – was wound by a musket Ball in the knee. His left thigh shrunk & caused him to halt in consequence I had him appointed orderly Sergeant which rank he held when discharged. But a reluctance to be Called a pensioner induced him to decline application for support altho in low Circumstances

If therefore these men have not obtained warrants for the proportion of land three years service entitles them to they have a just claim to that Bounty

Viz Thomas Galford as Sergeant
 James Reddin } as privates
 John Slaven }

Given under my hand in the City of Richmond Jan'y 29th 1808
Ro Gamble [Robert Gamble BLWt869-300]
late a Capt in the Virginia Continental line



It does not appear by the books in this office that the above named Tho. Galford, James Reddin & John Slaven, have received their bounty in Lands. Wm Price Reg'r
Land office/ Jan'y 29 1808