

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Job Gaskins VAS3691
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that I am now in my 74th year of age and that I was well acquainted with Jobe Gaskins who did enlist under Capt. Grimes [sic: William Grymes] of the fifteenth Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line in the revolutionary war for dureing the war and that he served untill the end of the same and was honourably discharged

As Witness my hand and seal this the 26th day of May 1832

William Cannon [VAS2879]



Princess ann County to Wit

This day William Cannon appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County and made oath to the truth of the above statement given under my hand and seal this the 26th day of May 1832 [illegible signature]

I Certify that William Cannon who signed the above Certificate is entitled to full faith and Credit in his statements [illegible signature]

I certify that I was well acquainted with Jobe Gaskins who was a private in Capt Grimes Company of the army of the revolution and I believe he was in the seventh regiment he was wounded at the battle of trenton [26 Dec 1776] and he served three years in succession and untill the end of the war and he was Honourably discharged

As Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of November in the year 1832

[Norfolk County]

James hisXmark Wood. [James Wood S6445]

I John Pallett [W5492] of Princess Ann County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Jobe Gaskins, I lived about one mile and a half from him, I went to school with him and I was raised in the same Neighbourhood with him I have a distinct recollection of his enlisting in the Regular service in an early part of the Revolutionary war, he went away from this country and was gone about three year. I well recollect when he came back he lived close to me, and I frequently saw him, and conversed with him, about the war, and herd him tell about the Battles he was in. I herd him say he was wounded in a battle which took place between the company he was in, and a party of the British in a Buck wheat field, in which the americans got defeated, and nearly all got killed I know he limped when he come home which he said came from the wound which was in the thy [thigh], and I well know he did not limp when he went away I was in the Malitia service myself. I do not recollect the year or month of the above enlistment, but I was very intimate with Jobe Gaskins and I am confident the above statements are correct As Witness my hand and seal this the 4th day June AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty three



Re-submitted & rerejected/ June 18th 1833. W.R

Mr Cannon's testimony has before come under remark. He swears in each case according to a form prepared for him with punctilious reference to just so much proof as is understood usually to be sufficient to support a claim for land bounty. The statements are all vague & general corroborated not a single circumstance. When 3 years service is sworn to it ought to appear how the witness knew and to when he swears the claimant was honorably discharged, and if he knew that how does he know he was honorably

disch'd. such testimony, on the face of it, is more than suspicious & certainly very unsatisfactory. Claim rejected
Wm Robertson [Wyndham Robertson]

Petition for Bounty land.

Job. Gaskins – Sold'r Contl line.

The name of Job Gaskins is on the army Register. He receiv'd the sum of £17.4. the bal. of his full pay, as a soldier.

a credible witness states, that he enlisted in the Continental Army, and served (or was absent from home after he enter'd the army) about three years; and was wounded in battle. He appears to be entitled to bounty land.

If your Excellency should allow bounty land, it should be, for a service of three years, as Soldier of the Continental line.

To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell

Respectfully submitter/ John H Smith Com'r &c

April 18th 1834

1834 May 16. Rejected

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

State of Virginia }
Princess Anne County } to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Murphy aged 72 years who made oath that he was personally well acquainted with Jobe Gaskins who inlisted as a Soldier in the Continental Army in the war of the revolution in the year of 1776 or 1777 for three years or during the War and joined the Northern Army [three undeciphered words] I have every reason to believe that he was Wounded in the boddy at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] or German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] he remained in the Service untill the war [two or three undeciphered words] was regularly discharged he died about 1806 or 1808 leaving the following children [two undeciphered] James Fanny & William Gaskins. James Gaskins aforesaid died many years ago under age unmarried without issue, and that Sarah Gaskins; Fanny Bernard now the wife of Robert Bernard, formerly Fanny Gaskins, and Wm. Gaskins are the only surviving children of Job & only heirs at Law of the aforesaid Job Gaskins dec'd. Given under my hand & seal this 4th day of [undeciphered] 1838

James Murphy JP

[first part illegible] Job Gaskins a native of the County of Princess Anne Va enlisted in the Continental Army in the war of the Revolution as a private soldier in the year of 1776 or 1777 for during the War and that he remained in service untill the final close of the same. that he was severely wounded at the battle of Trenton or Germantown. I believe he enlisted [two undeciphered words] in the County of Princess Ann Va

Your Petitioners further represent that their father Job Gaskins continued in the service untill he was duly and honorably discharged of these facts your petitioners have no personal knowledge except that which we have heard from their father. That the heirs of said Job Gaskins deceased have never received bounty land promised to the Officers and Soldier of the War of the Revolution

They pray that [several undeciphered words] the consideration of your Excellency and that [two undeciphered words] may be allowed the land bounty promised .

And your petitioners will ever pray &c

State of Virginia Norfolk County to wit

This day Fanny Barnard one of the Heirs at law of Job Gaskins a soldier of the Continental Army of the War of the Revolution came before me a Justice of the Peace of the County and State aforesaid, and made Oath that the foregoing Petition subscribed by her contains the truth to the best of their knoweldge and belief . I do further certify that they are credible witnesses and that her statement is entitled to full faith and Credit Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of June 1838. Sam Walls[?] JP

NOTE: The name of Job Gaskins does not appear on the payroll of the company of Capt. William Grymes for April of 1778 (<http://revwarapps.org/b46.pdf>).