

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Stiff VAS42

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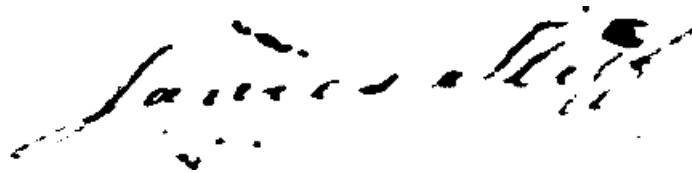
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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

James Stiff¹ aged about 70 years who being duly sworn deposed and saith that John Stiff enlisted sometime in the spring of the year 1776 for one-year at Dumfries in the State of Virginia into a company commanded by Captain Henry Torrol [Henry Terrill?], 5th Regiment of the Virginia line and that he served out the term of his enlistment and was discharged at a place called Valley Forge. Immediately after he was discharged, he again enlisted at Valley Forge for during the war into Lee's Company of horse, commonly called Lee's Legion. Sometime after the said John Stiff enlisted the troops marched to the South, where he was taken prisoner by the enemy, was put on board a prison ship where he was taken sick and shortly thereafter died. This deponent was well acquainted with the said Stiff before he went into the service, served with him and therefore knows the above statements to be correct.

S/ James Stiff



[Although her affidavit is considerably more difficult to decipher and in poorer shape as displayed in the digital collection of images of this file, it appears that Sarah Ray, aged about 70, gave a very similar affidavit to that given by James Stiff and set forth above. Her relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated. It appears in the last paragraph of her affidavit that she learned about the death of John Stiff on board the British prison ship from a man by the name of Dudley Port [?]² who served with Stiff.



[The bounty land due the veteran was being claimed by John Stiff, heir of the veteran.]

¹ This is PROBABLY the same man as [James Stiff W4344](#)

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