

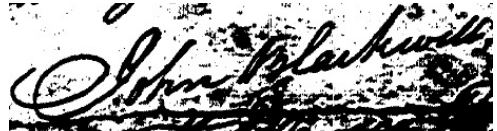
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Riley VAS4235
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]


I do certify that John Riley served as a Soldier in my Company in the Third Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in the nothern department two years and with some other captain in the Southern department for some years. he was a brave soldier and is now about eighty years old and incapeable of maintaining himself, he certain deserves to be supported the remainder of the short period he has to live in this world by government. his service was in the war of the Rovolution. Given under my hand in the Count of Fauquier in the state of Virginia this [undeciphered] day of January 1818.

John Blackwell [BLWt264-300] late [illegible]
in the Virg [illegible]



[other side]

I am well acquainted with the hand writing of Capt. Blackwell and am satisfied that the within certificate was written by him. I also knew John Riley very well in the northern army as a soldier in Capt Blackwells company J Marshall [John Marshall S5731]
Ap'l [?]th 1830

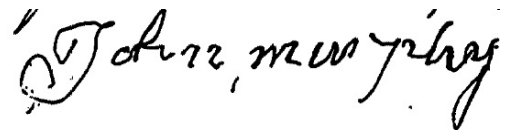


Land Office Virginia

I certify that it appears by the records of this office, that John Riley, enlisted in January 1777 as a private in Captain Biggs' [Benjamin Biggs W1366] Company of the Virginia Cont. Line; that he enlisted for the war; and for his services rec'd from the state of Va. on the 24th June[?] 1783 a Military Land bounty Warrant No. 1101 for 200 ac[re]s and I certify that it does not appear by the records of this office, that any other Military Warrant has ever been issued by the State of Va. to a person named John Riley. as witness my hand this 21st Jany 1831.

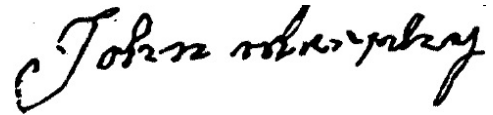
Wm Selden RLO

I John Murphey [possibly S5798] do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with John Riley [several undeciphered words] and saw the [ink blot] Jno Riley while in the service of the revolutionary war [ink blot] Fredericksburg also I saw him afterwords in Richmond I think as well as my memory serves me that he was under Major John Willis[?] and under Capt John Blackwell of Fauq'r County & have personal knowledg of his inlisting under Capt Blackwell after the ware I was about to go to Philadelphia for the said Rileys Pay which he had assigned to me for a horse which I sold him and was to be paid in that way & whin I returned from Philadelphia the said John Riley told me that he neglected to furnish me with a Certificate from Capt John Blackwell under whom he said he was under and never understood That he was at fort Pitt during the War but befor the service under Blackwell he enlisted for three years & went to the Northord. Given under my and this 25th day of Feb'y 1831.



I John Murphey further states that I was well acquainted with all the Children of John Riley he had ten Children Namely William, John, Niles, Phillip, James, Cathoreen, Nancy, Beddy, Betsey & Margaret, William Beddy & Betsey is understood to be dead the rest except Cathoreen who lives with her Mother –

John has not been known by me for seven years past Given from under my hand this 27th day of Feb'y
1831.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Marshall". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

[The left part of the following is missing.]
army. He never was stationed at Fort Pitt. Thomas Marshall

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Marshall". The signature is written in black ink on a white background and is partially cut off by a vertical line on the right side.