

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to John Gootee and William Riley VAS4236  
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I do hereby certify that I William Thornton aged 74 years do hereby certify & declare that I was well acquainted with William Riley during the war of the Revolution, and I do know that he was a Captain in the Virginia State Troops during the said war on State establishment and that he died in service whilst he was a captain sometime in the year 1777. Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Aug't 1830.  
Test/ Nath'l Topping Wm hisXmark Thornton

I John Parks sen'r [R7972] of Accomack County aged 76 years to hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Riley late a Captain in the Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution. I was amongst the first who enlisted under him, some time in the year 1776 for the period of five years – not long after he took command of the company he died whilst in actual service, and whilst I was still a soldier in his company, retaining his rank as Captain to the time of his death; after his decease the command of the company devolved on Lieutenant John Custis. Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> of September 1830.  
Witness/ Levin Rogers John hisXmark Parks Sen'r

I do hereby Certify that I John Parks Sen'r Aged 76 years do Hereby Certify and declare that I was well acquainted with John Gootee during the war of the Revolution, and that I do know that he was a Commissary in the Virginia State Troops during the said war on State establishment, and I do verily believe that he served Three years during the said War Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1830  
Test Henry F. Riley John hisXmark Parkes sen'r

I John Drummond Sen'r [S8376] of accomack county aged 86 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with William Riley late a Captain in the Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution. I was amongst the first who enlisted under him; some time in year 1776 for the period of the war, not long after he took command of the company he died whilst In actual servise, and whilst I was still a soldier in his company retaining his rank as Captain to the time of his death; after his decease the command of the company devolved on Lieutenant John Custis. Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> of September 1830



I do hereby certify that I Robert Russell Sen [W5753] Aged 71 years do Hereby Certify and declare that I was well acquainted with John Gootee during the war of the revolution and that I do know that he was a Commissary in the Virginia State Troops during the said war on State establishment, and I do Verily believe that he served Three years during the said war.  
Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1830 Robert hisXmark Russel Sen

I do hereby certify that I William Thornton aged seventy four years do hearby certify and declaer that I was well acquainted with John Gootee during the war of the revolution, and I do know that he was a commisary in the Virginia State Troops during the said war on state establishment and that he searved three years during the said War. Given under my hand this the Ninth day of October 1830.  
Test Jo S Johnson William hisXmark Thornton

Accomack County to wit

This day the above named William Thornton appeared before me a Justice of the peace and made oath to the above statement. Given under my Hand this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1830. John F. Riley

Eastern Shore Virginia Accomack County Feb'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1831

Dear Son. I Rec'd your [undeciphered] a few days Ago Stating that you wished to know what I Ment by the Virginia State line. Sir, I ment in the state servise with the Rest of the Vollenteers of the County under Col. [Southy] Simpson. you also stated something about John Goutey being comisary if he Ever was I do not know any thing of it nor do I Recolect of Goutey being in the Copany that I was nor any other as to Wm. Rily he was the Second Capt. that the Company that I was in voted him in and went to Snow hill to subdue some toreyes [Tories] thare and before he reached that place returned and I do not Remember that he served any longer I do not Remember that the Deposition that I qulefed [qualified] to was Red to me in the way you have stated if it was thare was A mistake I was in A Very loe state of Helth and confined to my bed at the time I am shure that I did not say Any [part missing at bottom of page] I did it was certainly [the rest missing at bottom of page]

I certify that the Company Commanded by Capt. William Riley during the Revolutionary War was nothing more than a common milituia [militia] company. That I was an officer in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, and was well acquainted with the Company & its officers. Given under my hand the 28<sup>th</sup> February 1831.

Sam'l Waples [Samuel Waples W6427]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 Feb'y 1831

Levin L. Joynes J.P.



I hereby certify that the company commanded by Capt William Riley & after his death by Capt. John Custis, during the Revolutionary War, in which I was mustered as a private soldier, was a Militia company. And further, as well as I recollect, John Gootee was the commissary of that company while on guard.

Thomas hisXmark Lewis (of S) [Thomas Lewis W10263]

Teste/ Tully R. Wise Jr

I hereby certify that Thomas Lewis (of S) appeared before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1831, and deposes that the facts contained in the above certificate are true according to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Tully R. Wise Jr (J.P.)

Accomack County Ss

Thomas Cuppen[?] aged about Sixty Eight years this day personally appeared before me Wm R Custis a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that druing the whole of the Revolutionary War and for many years afterwards this deponent was well acquainted with John Gootee of said County. The deponent well knows that the said Gootee was in service as a Commissary nearly or quite during the whole War. He first knew Gootee in service as Commissary of the 9 Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 while that Regiment was marched from Accomack to join the Continental Army under General Washington and after that period up to the end of the said War or very near it the said Gootee continued in service as Commissary of different Corps of Troops in the State service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 6th day of April 1831. Wm. R. Custis