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Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Routt VAS4316
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virg'a Fauq'r County towit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County afor'd Josiah Adams of s'd County, aged 71 years & upwards, and being first duely sworn according to Law, deposeth & saith that in the year 1778 in the month of September he was at the House of John Routt, the Father of Rich'd Routt and that he then & there saw the s'd Richard Routt, and he well recollects that the s'd Richard Routt was dressed in Regimentals which was blue trimmed up with red. And that he heard and has always believed that he was either a Leuit or Ensign in Cap. Steven Ashby's [Stephen Ashby BLWt2420-300] Company.

and further he saith not.

Given under my hand this 3rd of Feb'y 1834

State of Virg'a Augusta County To wit.

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the county afore'd Smith Thompson [S38438] a citizen of s'd County aged 85 yrs & upwards & being duely sworn according to law deposeth & saith, that he was a regular Soldier in the war of the revolution & was to the north til Jan'y 1780 in service and after that period was to the south and was taken prisoner at Charles Town in South Carolina [12 May 1780]. And being by trade a barber & having to wait on many of the officers frequently had an opportunity of knowing them. After being taken a prisoner at Charlstown he made his escape and returned to Virg'a & at the siege of York in the fall of 1781 he was present and recollects of seeing Lieut Rich'd Routt there at that time. He was dressed as an officer & might have been in Command at that time but affiant is not certain that he actually had a command. He saw him there dressed as an officer.

Affiant also further states that he at the same time & place saw Lieut Rob't Joutt [Robert Jouitt VAS1333] of Charlottesville in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] and that he was also seen by affiant at the siege of York. Aff't state that the s'd Rob't Jouett was dressed as an officer, but he does not know that he was in command. And further affiant saith not.

Given under my hand & seal this 29th May 1834.

State of Virg'a Prince Wm. County to wit

personally came before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the county afor'd Hugh Davis [S10136] a citizen of s'd County, aged 76 yrs (seventy six years) and upwards and being a person of respectability, and whose statement is entitled to full faith and credit, and he being first duely sworn deposeth that he was well acquainted with Lieut Rich'd Routt who was an officer (a Lt) in the Va Cont'l Line, and that he the s'd Routt was in the North Western Army, and that the s'd Rich'd Routt informed affiant that he was badly wounded in an engagement whilst in that service. Affiant thinks that s'd Routt went from Stafford County. Aff't never heard of his resigning his commission nor does aff't believe that he did, tho' he might have retired from the service. He was a very sincere[?] keen and spirited man and was so generally believed to be, & a man of great bravery. And further affiant saith not.

Given under my hand & seal this 20th day of Aug't 1834

To the Executive of Va. [24 April 1835]

Your memorialists Thomas P. Knox and Catharine his wife formerly Routt being one of the children & heirs at Law of the late Richard Routt of Fauq'r respectfully represent – That the said Richard Routt was commissioned Ensign & afterwards Lieut. as they believe in the Virg'a Cont'l Line in the War

of the Revolution and they declair from all they have heard that he continued to serve to the end of s'd War. They believe he was in the 12th Virg'a Cont'l Reg't reduced to the 8th [on 14 Sep 1778] at or about the commencement of his service. Your memorialists have noticed that in No. 2 of Commissioner Smith's reports [not transcribed] that said officers' named is reported Roul, but they believe that difference to be a mistake in the reporter. Your memorialists represent that the remaining heirs of s'd officers are apprized that their claims for this Services are in progress of investigation, but they are inconveniently situated for joining in this memorial and they therefore pray that their claims for themselves and the remaining heirs of s'd officer may be referred for examination & if found to be lawful, that warrants may issue for so much lands as may have been usually awarded to Lieutenants in said Line – and they will ever pray.

[signed] Thomas P. Knox Catharine Knox

We the undersigned two of he heirs of Richard Routt deceased have employed D. William Helm to prosecute a claim which we have against the State of Virginia for bounty land on account of the Revolutionary Services of said Routt, and we do request that any facilities may be afforded him at the proper Offices in Washington or Richmond.

Given under our hand this 8th Nov. 1836. [signed] Thomas P. Knox Daniel Routt

Lt. Rich'd Routt.

Rec'd his depreciation & bal. full pay 107.8 If this officer was the Ensign in 12th Reg't reduced to 8th see Maj'r Hite's list in the possession of Th. Green Esq'r duly certified & proved by Hite.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25th day of June 1784, in the name of Richard Routt as Lieut of Infantry for £107.8.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Gen'l Wood and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To Wit. Pay as Ensign June 1st Jan'y 77 to 2nd April following and as Lt from 2nd April 77 to 1st Sept'r 1778

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 1st day of December 1836.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Virginia }
Culpeper County } [17 Dec 1836]

I James Green [W7563] a surviving Midshipman of the Virginia State Navy & now in the 77th year of my age do certify and declare on oath that Richard Routt enlisted in a company under Cap Daniel Morgan (afterwards General Daniel Morgan) in the Summer of 1775 and that he marched to said company to the north & continued in it until 1777. He was then appointed an Ensign & afterwards a Lieutenant in Captain Stephen Ashby's Company. In the fall of that year (1777) I joined the navy and after the war I always understood from Routt that he became a Supernumerary officer in the fall of 1778. [several mostly illegible lines]

Virginia, Fauquier County, to wit:

I Charles Churchill do on oath certify and declare that I was well acquainted with Richard Routt before the beginning of the Revolutionary War – we lived at that time not many miles apart he lived on the Shenandoah river in Frederick County, and I lived in the County of Fauquier near the line of Frederick County. It has always been my impression, and I am now fully satisfied that the said Richard Routt enlisted in a Company raised by the celebrated Daniel Morgan (who was then a Captain) in the summer of the year 1775 and that he the said Routt marched with said Company to the north and served in it until he was promoted to the rank of Ensign as I understood and believe. He returned to our neighborhood as an ensign and after remaining some short time set out to join the army then at the north where he continued

some time, and again returned home where he continued the balance of the war as a supernumery Officer. The said Routt intermarried with a Miss Grigsby and settled in Fauquier County where he died.

Given under my hand this 20th day of December 1836. [signed] Charles Churchill

The memorial of George Farrow and Jane his wife, Elizabeth Feagans and Thomas P. Knox and Catharine his wife and Daniel Routt which said Jane, Elizabeth, Catharine & Daniel were the children and only heirs of Richard Routt dec'd late an officer in the Revolutionary Army respectfully represents that they are all resident of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, and as heirs of the said Richard Routt they claim the land to which their said ancestor was entitled as Bounty land for his services during the war of the Revolution. They represent that their said ancestor enlisted in the service as a private in the summer of 1775 in a company raised by Capt Daniel Morgan (afterward Gen'l Morgan) and served as a private in said Company until he was promoted to the rank of ensign in Capt. Stephen Ashby's Company about the first of the year 1777 that he was subsequently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and the revolutionary records shew that he served until September 1778 and that said memorialists have reason to believe that he then became supernumery and so continued until the close of said war – that he never received the bounty land due to him as lieutenant or transferred it to any person. Your memorialists therefore respectfully pray that the bounty land to which their said ancestor was entitled may be allowed to them as the heirs of said Routt. Jan'y 3rd 1837 [signed] Thomas P. Knox & Catharine his wife

George Farrow & Jane his wife
Elizabeth Feagans
Daniel Routt

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

To David Campbell Esq'r Governor of the state of Virginia

Your petitioner, attorney in fact for the heirs of Richard Routt a Lt. of the Virginia Continental line of the Revolution begs leave to ask your Excellency, to allow to the heirs of s'd Routt bounty land for services from the month of June 1775 until the end of the Revolutionary War for the following reasons to wit. James Green & Charles Churchill prove that s'd Routt enlisted with Capt. Daniel Morgan in the summer of 1775 which evidence is herewith enclosed, Smith Thompson whose evidence is also enclosed proves his services at the Seige of York. The Executive of Virginia allowed bounty land to the heirs of Lt Routt for three years service in February 1837. Your petitioner is of opinion that they are in Justice entitled to bounty land for Service rendered by s'd Routt from June 1775 until the end of the war, and as their attorney in fact state that I rec'd from the Register of Virginia 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres upon the above mentioned allowance for them and now ask that they be allowed bounty from June 1775 until the end of the

I have the honor to be yr Excellency obd't Serv't Wm Helm attorney in fact
for the heirs of Rich'd Routt
15 Feby 1838

[undeciphered] Fauquier Cty Va.

To his Excellency David Campbell Gov of Va.

Sir The Heirs of Richard Routt deceased, an officer in the Revolutionary Army, constituted and appointed Dr. William Helm their attorney in fact to present a claim for bounty land due their ancestor from the State of Virginia on account of the revolutionary services of the said Routt. Their said attorney received on account of said claim, in the winter of 1836 for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres. We have been informed that our attorney when last in Richmond petitioned the Executive for additional bounty land. The heirs are all living, and reside in this County, and desire to continue the [undeciphered word] of Dr. Helm in the further prosecution of their claim. We think that our ancestor was entitled to land bounty for a service from June 1775 the time at which he enlisted under Morgan, until the close of the revolution, In 1778 he

was compelled to leave the army for a time in consequence of a severe wound he received but he afterwards rejoined the army, and was in service in the seige of York in 1781, thus shewing that when he was able he was found in the service of his country. Your Excellency is referred to the evidence on file in the [illegible]

For the [several undeciphered words and part missing at bottom of page]

NOTE: It was certified that "Elizabeth intermarried with Richardson Feagans who has since died."