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Virginia documents pertaining to John Shoope VAS4435
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). This soldier may be the same as John Shaup, who enlisted in the Legion of Gen. Casimir Pulaski (Ga7) on 1 Sep 1778 to serve for two years. See <http://revwarapps.org/b222.pdf>.]

Very early in the year 1783 or the latter end of 1782 John Shoope came to the County of Montgomery & it was then generally understood that he had just about that time been discharged from the American service in which he had enlisted after leaving the Hessian Troops in the British service. He lived with me in the capacity of a hireling for many years & in relating the scenes which occurred in the war, he mentioned times, places & the names & characters of Officers with such precision that I was convinced he had been an actor in those scenes. He states that he was in Count Pulaskie's Legion of light dragoons when that Officer was slain [mortally wounded at the siege of Savannah on 9 Oct 1779]. When these troops were broken, he was incorporated in & served with Colo. Washington's horse [William Washington's Continental Light Dragoons]. He shews scars which he says were those of wounds received in the American service; one at the siege of Savannah & the other at Gates's defeat [see endnote]. That he was first a private, then a Corporal & lastly a serjeant in which capacity he acted when he was discharged from service which was at Smithfield in Virginia. That he lost his discharge & other vouchers of service very shortly after he left the army & that he never received any compensation in money or land for his services, except some paper money at a very depreciated state.

He is now very old & poor with a wife a sickly woman & five children to support.

If he could be heard himself, his own simple, honest & candid narrative would say more for him than I can, & as much as would convince the Executive that he deserves their bounty, which if consistent with propriety it is prayed will not be withheld from him for want of those formalities & vouchers which time, age & poverty prevent him now from procuring.

With high esteem yours/	J Preston
Honble W W Henning	Feb'y 7 1810

NOTE: Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated at the battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780. Remnants of Pulaski's Legion were present under the command of Charles Armand [BLWt2291-850]