

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Skirlock (Skerlock) VAS4465
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Skerlock, William. Some documents in the file could not be deciphered.]

I Thomas Jackson aged Eighty years do hereby certify and make known that I was well acquainted with William Skerlock the said William Skerlock enlisted during the revolutionary war under Capt Burgess Ball [Burgess Ball BLWt252-500] and served in the said war for more than three years I hereby certify that I have frequently seen the s'd Skerlock wear a Sword and know he held some office in s'd war but I do not at this remote day recollect the grade of s'd Office Given under my hand this 10th day of Aug 1840
[Northumberland County] [signed] Thomas Jackson

I Richard Ivoy age seventy six years do hereby certify and make known that I was well acquainted with William Skirlock the said William Skirlock enlisted during the revolutionary war under Capt Burgess Ball and served in the said war and died in the fourth year of his service and I hereby certify that he was an Ensign when he died and the said Skirlock never was married but left two Sisters who were the only heirs Mary Skirlock who married William Stonum who died and left two Daughters Betsey Stonum who married James Adams and died and left one son John Q Adams who is now a living and his other Daughter Susan Stonum who is now a living who is married to George Downing Nancy Skirlock his other Sister married John Sullivan and moved to the District of Columbia and died and I have been informed she left three sons I do hereby certify that they are the lawful heirs of William Skirlock given under my hand this 11 day of October 1841 Richard Ivoy
[Northumberland County]

1842 Mar 15 Rejected

District of Columbia } to wit
County of Washington }

On this seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty two, before me the subscribe, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county & district appeared Ellen Young, wife of William Young of the county and District aforesaid and the said Ellen Young being sworn on the holy Evangelical of Almighty God, did solemnly depose and say, that she well knows that John Sullivan Andrew Sullivan and Roger Sullivan were the lawful heirs of Nancy Sullivan of Alexandria District of Columbia, and this deponent further states that the maiden name of the said Nancy Sullivan was Nancy Skerlock.
[signed] Ellen Young

I Hiram Claughton do hereby certify and make oath that I was acquainted with William Skirlock & Nancy Skirlock & have always understood that they [several illegible words] William Skirlock & that Mary Skirlock married Wm Stonum & died & left two daughters Elizabeth C Stonum & Susan Stonum & that Elizabeth C Stonum married James Adams & died leaving one son who is now living named John Q Adams & that Susan Stonum married George Downing given from under my hand this the 25th November 1842
H. Claughton
[Northumberland County]

This is an application on the part of the heirs of William Skirlock for the bounty land to which they may be entitled by virtue of the services of the said William Skirlock during the Revolutionary War as Ensign.
The evidence of their title is contained in the affidavits herewith submitted.

It appears from the affidavits of Richard I Voy [sic] & Thomas Jackson (both of which are backed by other affidavits from respectable gentlemen, certifying to the character which Mr. Voy & Mr. Jackson enjoy for veracity, & that they are fully worthy of credence) that they both were well acquainted with William Skirlock & that he enlisted during the whole Revolutionary war under Capt. Burgess Ball. Richard I. Voy (aged seventy six years Oct 11th 1841) further testified that William Skirlock served during the Revolutionary war – that he died in the fourth year of his service, & that he was an Ensign when he died. Thomas Jackson (aged 80 years Aug 10th 1840) certifies also that William Skirlock served during the war for more than three years – that he had frequently seen him wear a sword & knows that he held some office during the war; but does not at this remote day recollect the grade of the said office. Upon these two affidavits the applicants rest their claim.

William Skirlock was never married. He left two sisters, who were his only heirs – Mary Skirlock & Nancy Skirlock.

Mary Skirlock married William Stonum who died leaving two daughters Betsey Stonum & Susan Stonum. Betsey Stonum married James Adams, who died leaving one son John Q. Adams who is now living. The other daughter Susan Stonum, who is now living, married George Downing.

Nancy Skirlock – William Skirlock's other sister, married John Sullivan & has since died, leaving three sons – John Sullivan – Andrew Sullivan, & Roger Sullivan her only lawful heirs. (See the affidavits of Hiram Slaughter [sic] – Richard I. Voy & Ellen Young)

It appears from the above statement that John Q. Adams is entitled to one fourth of the bounty lands. Susan – the wife of George Downing to another fourth & John Sullivan Andrew Sullivan & Roger Sullivan – heirs of Nancy Skirlock – to the remaining moiety.

June 22nd 1843

K R Willington for the heirs of William Skirlock

Allowance for 3 yrs as a private approved Ja. McD. [Gov. James McDowell] Mar 21 1844

NOTE: Burges Ball served initially as a captain and then a major in the 5th Virginia Continental Regiment. Payrolls for that regiment list a private William Scurlock.