

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Isaac Sterling VAS4481
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

I certify that Richard Cutler who is a credible Witness appeared before me & made oath that Isaac Sterling enlisted in the 9th Va Regiment in the time of the Revolutionary War & marched to the north and the Witness thinks in Capt Joynes's [Levin Joynes BLWt1163-500] company, & this affiant understood he joined Washingtons army – that the said Sterling, did not serve all the war but was gone from the County from three to five years as the Witness distinctly recollects & that said Sterling lived near the Witness's fathers house & died in Accomack County, as witness my hand & seal this 15 day of September 1832 at Accomack Co.
C. S. Bayrd JP

I certify that Severn Scott [S38355] a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States & a credible Witness came before me & made oath that he enlisted for & served 2 years in the 9th Virginia Regiment in the continental line – that he was discharged with a great number of others at Valley forge in Pennsylvania at the end of the said time – that great exertions were made by the Officers to reinlist the soldiers at that place whose times had just expired & a good many did reinlist, some for 3 years & some for the war – that Isaac Sterling was among those whose term then expired & that said Sterling reinlisted & remained in service, but whether for 3 yrs or for what period the Witness cannot state. Witness my hand & seal at Accomack Co. this 15 Sepr 1832
Wm R. Custis JP

To the Gov. & Council

The heirs of Isaac Sterling pray an allowance of Bounty land for said Sterlings services for 3 years on the aforesaid proof.

1st Richard Cutlers affidavit proving from 3 to 5 years absence in service

2^d Severn Scotts affidavit proving a reinlistment after serving one tour

By reference to Vol. 9 Henings Statutes at large page 325 it will be seen that the Legislature directed the officers of the 9th Va Reg't (in Oct 1777) to use their exertions to reinlist those Soldiers whose terms were about expiring – That Reg't (excepting Blairs [John Blair VAS2518] Company) was raised early in 1776 for 2 years & they were discharged at Valley forge Camp (Pennsylvania) in 1778 & those who were discharged, came home or reinlisted. The afs'd act directs the reinlistment for "3 years or for the war;" Sterling therefore probably reinlisted for 3 yrs as Cutler says he was gone from 3 to 4 years. The 9th Reg't was kept in Accomack a long time after it was raised, & probably had not been gone more than 12 months when Sterlings 1st time expired.