

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Marshall VAS494

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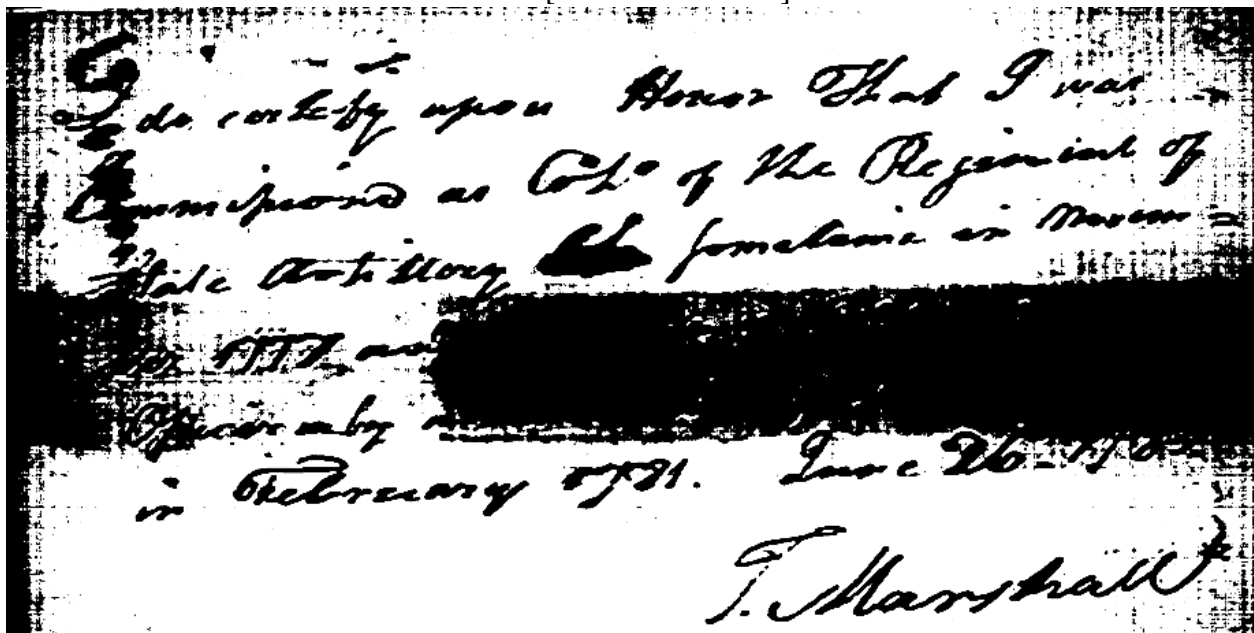
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

I do certify upon Honor That I was Commissioned a Colo. of the Regiment of State Artillery sometime in November 1777 and [paper damaged and text illegible] by [paper damaged and text illegible] in February 1781. June 26, 178[last digit illegible]

T. Marshall [Thomas Marshall]



The image shows a scan of a handwritten document, likely a pension statement, written in cursive. The text is somewhat obscured by a dark, irregular shadow or smudge across the middle. The legible parts of the text match the typed transcription above. The signature 'T. Marshall' is clearly visible at the bottom right of the document.

[second, 11-page file]

"To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Delegates – The Memorial of Thomas Marshall honorably sheweth

That your memorialist in August 1775 was appointed Major to the first minute Battalion raised within the Commonwealth an early in October the same year entered into actual service in which he continued during the following winter Campaign. That while your memorialist commanded at the Great Bridge he was appointed Major to the 3rd Virginia Continental Regiment – he did not however retired from service but retained his commission and continued at his post till the latter part of March 1776 when the troops under his command were relieved by those of the Continental raised in this State, by which time the 3rd Virginia Regiment was raised

& your memorialist immediately called on to take command in it. That in August 1776 he together with the Regiment to which he belonged in obedience to the orders they had received began their march to New York, where they joined the Grand Army.

That your memorialist continued in hard and demanding service from this time till the close of the Campaign of 1777. That in the latter end of November 1777 your memorialist was informed by an official letter from the then Governor, of his having been appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia to the command of the State Regiment of Artillery.

Your memorialists humbly presumes to hope that his having made three of the severest campaigns in the last war before he took command of the State Regiment of artillery, his having rendered as he trusts some services as commanding officer of that Regiment, his having remained in service till there was no longer a command for him, his having held himself in readiness to return to service, had his Regiment been re-created, give him a fair claim to military emoluments as any officer who has been in this particular service of this State."

The above are true extracts from the Memorial of T Marshall filed in my office
November 2nd 1830

George W Munford Keeper of the Records

[very poor image of the following document]

The Petition of John Marshall and the other heirs of Colonel Thomas Marshall respectfully state,

That Colonel Marshall entered the service of his country in September 1775 as a Major in the Minute Service in which capacity he continued until January 1776 when he was appointed a Major in the Regular Army and confirmed by Congress on the 13th of February [text broken up and illegible for several lines] legislature of Virginia to take command of the State Artillery Regiment at the head of which he continued till the Regiment was reduced in 1781, at which time he became a Supernumerary Officer and remained as such until the end of the war. He has received land bounty for 3 (of 6) years service, but his heirs are entitled to the allowance for 2 years and one month which is now sought.

S/ Wm Lambert, Atty
for the petitioners

Richmond November 11th, 1830

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Colonel Thomas Marshall who commanded the Regiment of State Artillery during the Revolutionary War, that he continued to command it until it was reduced when he became a supernumerary officer and continued so until the close of the war, with the exception of his service as President of a Court martial in 1782.

Given under my hand

S/ William DuVal¹



I do hereby certify that from a Roll filed in the Office of the Keeper of the Rolls purporting to be "Names, ranks, promotions &c of the officers of the Virginia State Artillery Regiment, from the first entering into the service to the reduction of the Regiment" it appears that Thomas Marshall was Colonel of said Regiment that his first rank was that of Major in the Minute service in 1775

¹ [William DuVal S8362](#)

& Major in the Continental service in January 1776 Lieutenant Colonel in June and Colonel in February 1777 and that by act of the Assembly he was called to take command of the State artillery Regiment aforesaid the 15th of November 1777 and was supernumerary as of the date of said Roll.

October 29th, 1829

S/ George W Munford
Keeper of the Rolls of Virginia

I was appointed adjutant to the Culpeper Minute Battalion when the other officers of the Battalion were appointed, which was sometime in the spring or summer of 1775 – In the month of September in that year, the Battalion was ordered to Williamsburg, and arrived there the latter end of that month or early in October – In December, a part of them could not obtain arms, returned home, the remainder marched to Norfolk by way of the Great Bridge, under a Command of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Stevens & Major Thomas Marshall. The field Officers who were attached to that Battalion & rendezvoused with them at Culpepper and marched to Williamsburg were Colonel Lawrence Taliaferro, Lieutenant Colonel Stevens & Major Marshall, Colonel Taliaferro returned with the troops that were dismissed at Williamsburg.

S/ Robert Pollard²

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Pollard", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

Land office Virginia 17 March 1831

At the request of Colonel Lambert, I have examined some of the [indecipherable word] of Vouchers filed in this Office on which land bounty was allowed from which it appears that the following Officers were in both State and Continental lines, and received additional land bounty, and the whole time computed as though they served but in one line. There are no doubt many similar cases:

Michael Bowyer, 1808

Colonel John Neville, allowed one year & 10 months was then 7 years 1807

Colonel Edward Carrington allowed for 7 years & 10 months 1808

Colonel Charles Porterfield, 1807

Captain Nathaniel Pendleton, 1807

S/ [illegible signature]

Land Office Virginia 17 March 1831

I certify that Captain Christopher Roane was allowed Land Bounty on 19 December 1782, that it appears he served for some time as a noncommissioned Officer in Harrison's Regiment of Artillery, that he was appointed an officer in the State Artillery and commissioned in the year 1777, when that Regiment was first raised and that he was when the allowance was made him a Captain of Artillery in the Legion commanded by Colonel Dabney, and I further certify that additional Bounty was allowed the said Christopher Roane for his 7th years services as Captain in the Virginia State Line

S/ [illegible signature]

² [Robert Pollard S5944](#)