

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Lawrence and John Lawrence VAS846

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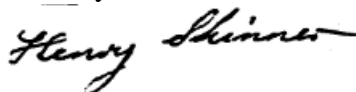
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Affidavit of Henry Skinner. – The affiant being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he is now 74 years of age, that he was a soldier in the Militia service in the revolutionary War, that he lived at that time, and now lives in Nansemond County, Virginia; that he was well acquainted with William Lawrence and John Lawrence of said County and State, who, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War lived with their father only two miles from the affiant's residence : that the said William Lawrence and John Lawrence enlisted in the Virginia Continental Army for 3 years, soon after the War commenced, or within twelve months after the Commencement; that they went away to the North with Captain Jason Riddick or with Captain Willis Riddick and that the said William Lawrence and John Lawrence died in service of the Small Pox. – The affiant believes that the said William and John Lawrence did die in service as he has stated, because he heard it from Timothy Brantum [?]¹, who enlisted at the same time and went away with them, and he has also often heard the father of the said William and John Lawrence say, that he had learned from several persons, that his 2 sons William and John had died of the smallpox whilst in the Army at the North. – The affiant does not doubt that the said William and John Lawrence enlisted for 3 years, for he understood that they did at the time they went away, and he has often heard their father, who was one of the affiant's nearest neighbors, say, that his 2 sons William and John had enlisted for 3 years, and had promised, if living, to return at the expiration of that time.

S/ Henry Skinner²



[Attested in Nansemond County Virginia July 8, 1833 by Mills Riddick, JP]

Affidavit of Jeremiah Peale

This affiant being duly sworn saith that he is 77 years of age, and was a militia soldier in the revolutionary War, that he then lived and now lives in Nansemond County Virginia; that he married the sister of William and John Lawrence and has often heard her say that her 2 brothers

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² [Henry Skinner S7521](#)

William and John Lawrence had enlisted for 3 years in the regular Army, and that they both died in service – that William, the eldest, frequently wrote letters to his sister telling her how he and his brother were, and promised that they would both to their homes and their relations at the expiration of 3 years when their term would be out; and that they never did return, and the family have often heard that they died in the Army.

S/ Jarmah Paele³

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jarmah Peale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the typed name.

[Attested July 8, 1833 in Nansemond County Virginia before Mills Riddick, JP. In his attestation, the justice of the peace refers to the affiant as "Jeremiah Peale."]

³ [Jeremiah Peale \(Peal, Peel\) W5521](#)