Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record: Levin Joynes BLWt1163-500 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Cover page]

Joynes, Levin

B.L.Wt.1163-500 – Lieut. Colo. Nov. 24, 1792

No papers

[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

[split image]

I do certify upon my Honor that I was a commissioned officer in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment for more than 3 years, and that I retired as a supernumerary officer in February 1779 then ranking as Lieutenant Colonel Commandant. A[ugt?] 24th, 1784

S/ Levin Joynes

Transcribers Note: Though not labeled as such, this document appears to me to be a copy and not the original. I base this opinion on having read a number of these files and recognizing the handwriting as being that which appears frequently in these files.]

[another file—same veteran]

I do hereby certify that Levin Joynes entered a Captain in the 9th Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment, the latter end of the year 1775, or beginning of the year 1776; that in the course of the service he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and served to the end of the Revolution war.

Given under my Hand at Accomack County Virginia the 2nd day of May 1798 S/ Jno. Cropper, Jr. formerly

Lieut. Colo. Commdt. 11th Virga. Regiment

[another file—same veteran]

To his Excellency John B Floyd Governor of Virginia Levin Joynes formerly of the County of Accomack served as an Officer of the Virginia Continental line during the whole period of the Revolutionary War. He entered the service as a Captain and at the close of the War he was a Lieutenant Colonel commanding of Infantry. By a Resolution of Congress passed during the Revolutionary War a Lieutenant Colonel Commanding was entitled to the same pay and emoluments as a full Colonel, and accordingly the Government of the United States granted to Colonel Joynes 500 acres of Land as the United States bounty of a full Colonel – and also granted to him the commutation pay of a full Colonel. These facts are proved by a letter from the Pension Office at Washington enclosed in this letter.

The State of Virginia as heretofore granted to Colonel Joynes and his heirs 7833 acres of land as the State's Bounty Land of a Lieutenant Colonel for seven years and ten months services. It appears to me that under the resolution of Congress and that practice in such cases, Colonel Joynes all to have received the State Bounty Land of a full Colonel; instead of a Lieutenant Colonel. Lieutenant Colonels William Darke, Burgess Hall and Henry Lee, whose situations were precisely similar to Colonel Joynes' each received from the State of Virginia the Bounty Lands of a full Colonel.

I have therefore respectfully to ask of your Excellency that a Warrant may issue in favor of the heirs of Colonel Joins for the difference in quantity of acres between the bounty land of a full Colonel and the bounty land of a Lieutenant Colonel for 7 years and 10 months service. I am a son and one of the devisees of the late Colonel Levin Jones above named.

S/ Thos. R. Joynes [Thomas R Joynes]

Accomack November 13th, 1849

PS Your Excellency will confer a favor on me by causing me to be informed of the result of this application as soon as it has been decided.

Allowed as full Colonel in the Continental line for a service of seven years & ten months – deducting any land heretofore granted

S/J B. Floyd