

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Documents relating to Bounty Land Claim of Richard Paulett BLWt1940-200 f7VA

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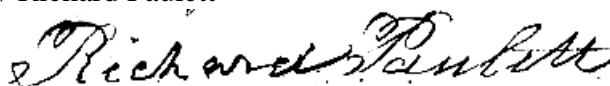
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For the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land due me from the United States I Richard Paulett aged 80 years of Campbell County, Georgia, do declare that I was an officer in the Revolution and in the Virginia Continental Line under the command of Colonel Frances Taylor, Lieutenant Colonel William Fountain & Major John Roberts. They were the Field Officers to the Regiment. In 1778 I was an Ensign & in 1779 a Lieutenant – when my promotion took place that my brother Jesse Paulett also, he was promoted to an Ensigncy – neither of us ever resigned our Commissions and served until the Regiment was disbanded in '81 when I retired as did Jesse Paulett & held ourselves in readiness to serve whenever requested to do so & as Supernumerary Officers I never rec'd the proportion of Land due to me, or my Brother Jesse Paulett, to which I was entitled – and never applied for it until now as it was not deemed of much value – nor have I ever transferred my right to it. Therefore know all men by these presents that I Richard Paulett do hereby nominate & point Thomas Greene of Virginia my true & lawful attorney to demand & receive from the Bounty Land Office in Washington the land bounty due to me as a Lieutenant and that which is due me as heir at law of Jesse Paulett & my said attorney is hereby authorized to receive Certificates of Scrip for the said Warrants, sell & has signed the same and to receive sell and assign the same that may issue to me in lieu of all the Virginia military Land warrants.

Witness my hand & seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833.

S/ Richard Paulett<sup>1</sup>



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

I John Thomas of the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I lived in the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia aforesaid near the Barracks erected for the Purpose of securing and confining certain British & German Prisoners taken by the American Army during the revolutionary war, and in the year 1779 a certain Richard Paulett and Jesse Paulett, one an Ensign in the other the Lieutenant both of whom I was well acquainted [with] acted in that office under Major Roberts at the aforesaid Barracks until the said Barracks were broke up say in the year 1781 – As given under my hand this the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1833

S/ John Thomas

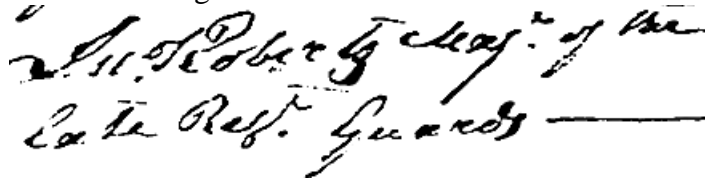
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<sup>1</sup> In documents filed in the state of Virginia quoted below, the veteran states that he was pensioned under the act dated May 15, 1828. The documents in connection with that claim are not in this file.

At request I certify that Richard Paulett a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Guards, that guarded the Convention Troops of Burgoyne's Army at the Barracks in Albemarle Virginia joined the said Regiment in February 1779 and so did Jesse Paulett an Ensign in said Regiment joined in February 1779 and served until said Regiment was discharged which was in or about May 1781 – I knew them both well, and they were considered meritorious officers.

Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

S/ Jno. Roberts, Major of the [John Roberts]  
late Regt. Guards



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1783, in the name of Jesse Paulett, as an Ensign of Guards for £134.11.11, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

To pay as Ensign from 25 October 79 to 15 June 1781

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1783, in the name of Richard Paulett, as a Lieutenant of Infantry Conv. Guards for £224.16.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to William Smith and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

To wit – As Ensign from 13 January '79 to 8 October following and as Lieutenant from 8 October '79 to 15 June 1781

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia

The petition of Richard Paulett respectfully states, that at a very early period of the American Revolution he entered the service of the State of Virginia as an Ensign in the Continental Line. In a short time after his appointment as Ensign he was promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant in which capacity he remained until the close of the war.

He adduces the affidavit of John Roberts the Major of the Regiment to which he belonged which states that he entered the Regiment in February 79 & remained in it until it was discharged in May 1781.

The affidavit of John Thomas states that he resided near the Barracks which were erected for the security of certain prisoners of Burgoyne's Army – and he well knew Richard Paulett who acted as a Lieutenant at the Barracks, stationed there to guard those prisoners.

The auditor's Certificate is filed here with which shows that he has drawn his depreciation pay amounting to £224.16.6 & also his four months advanced pay amounting to £3200.00..

Together with his petition he files the letter of the Secretary of the Bounty Land office informing of the allowance of his claim to United States Land Bounty for services to the end of the War & he would further state that he is now drawing full pay under Act of Congress of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828.

In conclusion he would state that many officers of same Regiment have received their Land Bounty from Virginia was services of a character precisely similar to his own. And he trust that your Excellency will allow him the Bounty land to which he conceives himself clearly – in his own right & as air of Ensign Jesse Paulett.

S/ A. W. Green, Atty for the Petitioner