

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Information relating to John Steed BLWt1919-300 f1VA & f8VA
BLWt2654-300
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VA. Steed, John B.L.Wt.1919-300 Capt.
Issued May 20, 1795
No papers
Also recorded as above
under Wt. 2654

The [Virginia State Library](#) its online digital collection of documents relating to Bounty Land grants contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

Captain Steed enlisted into the service of the United States in the beginning of the year 1776 and must have Continued until the end of the War, or he would not have been allowed his Commutation.

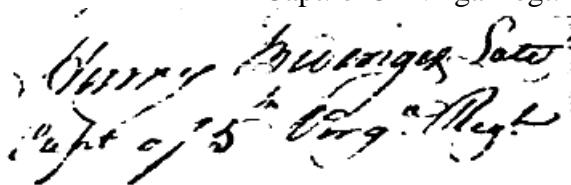
s/ James Wood, late B. G.
12th December 1798

Shepherds Town June the 11th 1798

Sir

Captain John Steed of the late Continental Army believes himself entitled to one year additional Lands from the State of Virginia in Consequence of his having served in the Virginia Line from the 19th day of February 1776 to the end of the War – he says he applied for his additional 666 2/3 acres by General William Clark [several indecipherable words] his commission as also his United States Land Warrant, as vouchers – that the objection then was that you were not certain that he Received his Commutation of half pay from the United States & wished that he could be made to appear to you that he had Received it – as Captain Steed sold this Commutation to Captain George Hite soon after he obtained it, he cannot, now produce the original Certificate – I know Captain Steed did Receive his Commutation from the United States (and Certify that he showed them to me about 3 years ago in the winter or fall prior to his showing them to me Mr. Robert Rutherford had delivered a part of them to him.

I am Sir with
Great Esteem your Obedient Servant
S/ Henry [indcipherable name] Late
Capt. of 5th Virga Regt.



Henry [indcipherable name]
Capt. of 5th Virga Regt.

His Excellency James Wood

I do hereby Certify that I purchased of Captain John Steed his certificate given in his own name for his Commutation of Half pay from the United States in the spring of the year [balance of document cut off at the bottom of the page]

In another file there is a certificate signed by B. G. Peter Muhlenberg. The certificate is very compromised by ink blots and by the image being cut off, but it appears to say that Capt. John Steed formerly of the Eight Virginia Regt. resigned in Sept. 1780. Below is a copy of that digital image for what it may be worth.

Philadelphia Pennsylvania May 27th 1780

*I do hereby certify that Captain John Steed formerly
of the Eight Virginia Regt. did in Sept^r 1780 resign
- his commission to the late Congress, who was then sitting
- in Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania.
- By that Congress a Letter to me, signifying
- that he had resigned, which was the
- reason why the said Steed was afterwards
- made to be paid his half pay being unable to appear to
- his resignation.*

B. G. Peter Muhlenberg.