

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathew Irvine BLWt342-400

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State of South Carolina

Know all Men by these presents that I Mathew Irvine late a Surgeon in Col. Har[balance of name obliterated] Legion in the Continental Army for and in consideration of \$100 to me in hand paid by Peter Manifold the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge had to him by these presents doth grant bargain sell assign and transfer unto the said Peter Manifold all the lands to which I am entitled as surgeon aforesaid from the United States and all my right title interest claim or demand of to and in the same and every part and parcel Thereof -- To have and the whole all the said lands hereditaments and premises to him the said Peter Manifold and to his Heirs and assigns for his and their on the proper use and behoof forever. And I do hereby authorize and empower the said Peter Manifold to ask demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States or the proper officer all the Deeds patents and writings to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Witness my hand & seal this 23rd day of February 1807 at Charleston

S/ M. Irvine



S/ John Bernesy [?]

S/ Wm Wilkie, Junior

I Certify that Doctor Mathew Irvine, whose signature appears to the foregoing Bill of Sale was Surgeon of the Legion commanded by Colonel Henry Lee and whose signature I am well acquainted with.

S/ Simeon Theus,¹ late a
Captain in the Line of South Carolina

I do hereby certify that Doctor Mathew Irvine acted as Surgeon in Colonel Harry Lee's Legion of the Virginia line & served in the same in the Campaigns in South Carolina under General Greene.

S/ J. F. Grimke,² Lt. Col. of
Artillery raised in South Carolina

¹ [Simeon Theus BLWt2227-300](#)

² [John Faucheraud Grimke W11088](#)

on Continental Establishment

Charleston South Carolina
25 February 1807

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

I certify that Mathew Irvin of Charleston South Carolina served in the Legion under my orders during the revolutionary war as Surgeon to the Cavalry.

Given under my hand this 4th of January 1807

S/ Henry Lee

? Lt. Col. Comr: Sd. Legion

I certify that Mathew Irvin
of Charleston South Carolina served in
the Legion under my orders dur-
ing the revolutionary war as
Surgeon to the Cavalry.
Given under my
hand this 4th Jan
1807.
Henry Lee
Gen Lt. Col. Comr: Legion

No warrant appears to have issued to Matthew Irvin as a Surgeon in the Revolutionary war

S/ William Price, Register

February 5th, 1807

I do Certify that I well knew and recollect Doctor Mathew Irvine joining our Troops and marching with them to Prospect Hill near Boston in the year 1775, and he was with the Army near New York in October 1776, at which time I was a Lieutenant in the Pennsylvania line, and was sent on command to Fort Pitt, which prevented my knowing anything further of the Doctor's service, but always understood he continued in service.

S/ Archibald Steele

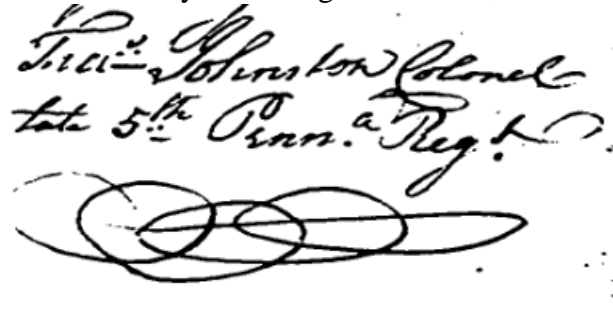
Philadelphia 3rd September 1808

Philadelphia September 7th, 1808

This may certify that I know the above Archibald Steele. He was an officer & went with

the first of our Troops to Boston & lives now in this City & is considered by the Government of the United States a man of such respectability as to appoint him one of the Superintendence of Powder & other Military Stores of the United States. I also recollect Doctor Matthew Irvine being very early with our Troops but have no particular recollection of him as to the rank he held until 1776 or in the year 1777, our Troops being frequently on difficult Commands, but remember he continued with us until he got an appointment as a Surgeon in the Corps of Horse commanded by Colonel now General Henry Lee. Mr. M. Irvine was a young gentleman from Ireland and brother of my Friend the late General William Irvine of the old Pennsylvania Line. Given under my hand the day and year above written.

S/ Thomas Johnston, Colonel
late 5th Pennsylvania Regiment



*Thos Johnston Colonel
late 5th Penna. Regt.*

Matthew Irvine has drawn warrants for 6000 acres being the allowance for 3 years service to a Surgeon of the Continental line

S/ C. Blagrove, Clk

Land Office
September 28, 1808

Winchester March [26th?] 1807

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of yesterday reflecting Doctor Irvine's claim for Bounty land due for his Services as Surgeon to your Legion, from the State of Virginia –

I do Certified that Doctor M. Irvin Lieutenant Manning & John Gordon Lieutenant and Riding Master at the time they joined your Legion were returned as of the Virginia line at their request; as well as those Soldiers that your certificate mentions dated the 4th of January last – indeed I know of no exceptions to any of the officers of your Legion being returned from any other State, as the Bounty from this State was so much greater than any other State in the Union – I was Lieutenant & Pay Master to your legion at that time and returned the within mentioned at their request and with your approbation.

I am Dr. Sir with
perfect esteem
Your Obedient Servant
S/ James Heard



James Heard

General Lee

Amelia 2nd April 1807

Sir,

I have received & attended to your letter of the 23rd of this month. As to that part of it which requires the names of the Officers & Soldiers of Lees Legion which were "credited to the quota of troops required from this state, and properly belonging to the same," I cannot reply with that certainty which you might expect, because I never knew whether they were so credited in the War Office. I only know, that at the last inspection of Lee's Legion just before the Troops in South Carolina were disbanded, the Officers & Soldiers whose names are enclosed were entered on the returns as being born in the State of Virginia. On these last inspection returns no other names than the enclosed were entered as belonging to or enlisted in the State of Virginia.

Captain George Handy & Doctor Matthew Irvine were not returned as Virginians, & neither of them were born in this State. Nor was George Painter, nor John Harrison, as to Daniel Snailbaker I can only say I see no such name on the returned; & Samuel Jess, John Woody & James Chambers are returned as born in New Jersey.

I have thus, Sir, replied to the different inquiries in your letter with as much accuracy as the papers in my possession would enable me, & take the occasion to subscribed myself, with the highest Esteem & respect

Your Obedient Servant
S/ Jos. Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jos. Eggleston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Jos. Eggleston".

Amelia of 4th April 1807

Sir,

2 days ago I wrote an answer to your letter of the 23rd March which I find you have not received, as Captain Manifold has just handed me your duplicate. I now [paper damaged and some text illegible] the 2nd instant & at the request of Captain Manifold to the address I will be more explicit as to the circumstance of the Quota. Whether the whole Legion was considered as part of the quota of the State of Virginia, is what I can neither affirm nor deny; because I never had any information as to that fact. I can only say that the Officers & soldiers whose names are enclosed, were returned as being natives of Virginia; & that others are stated on the returns as being born in New Jersey, Maryland &c. For what purpose this was done I do not pretend to inform you, as I was never made acquainted with the mode in which the Quota of each State was estimated. Captain manifold has shown me a certificate stating that Lieutenant Lovell was considered as belonging to the Virginia Line. Mr. Lovell was an Officer of Lee's Legion & was born in Massachusetts; & I should imagine every officer in the Legion might with as much propriety be said to be of the Virginia line as Mr. Lovell.

Doctor Irvine I believe was born in Ireland, & though he joined the Legion from the Pennsylvania Troops, he might with less difficulty have annexed himself to Virginia than Mr. Lovell. Perhaps all the officers might have been considered at the War Office as of the Virginia Line.

I have given this explanation of the request of Captain Manifold, although I am rather apprehensive of being both of fishes & tedious.

I continue, Sir, with high respect & esteem,

Your Obedient Servant
S/ Jos. Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston]

P.S. 4th April 1807

From the circumstance of Mr. Lovell being considered as of the Virginia Line, and from general Lee's information as to his general policy on this subject, it is probable that the returns made when General Lee was present in command might be different from those made about the end of the War, when from General Lee's absence the command of the Legion had devolved on me.

S/ Jos. Eggleston

I hereby Certify that from the records preserved in this Department of certificates issued by Andrew Dunscomb Esquire Commissioner for settling with the Officers and soldiers of the late Virginia line, in the revolutionary Army, it appears that several certificates were issued to Matthew Irvine amounting in the whole to \$1657.13 for the balances due him, and that the book containing the Registry of such certificates is thus headed – "Record of Certificates issued by Andrew Dunscomb Assistant Commissioner of Accounts for the Officers & Soldiers of the Regular Line of the State of Virginia."

iven under my hand at the War Office this 11th day of April 1807

S/ H. Dearborn, Secy. of War

A List of the noncommissioned Officers & privates in Lees Legion which were inspected just before the end of the War, & entered on the returns as being born in Virginia

John Wigginton ³	James Bland	Brothers Thompson
John Hopper	John Barber	Ransom Bridges
Liles Johnson	John Purcell ⁴	William Graves
John Garner ⁵	James Smart [?]	Charles Owens
Samuel Avery	Mark Kenton ⁶	William Drone ⁷
William Garner	Thomas Hogans	Thomas Allmond
Berry Shials [Shields] ⁸	Julius Hite	James White
David Pertilla	Richard Johnson ⁹	Robert Ferguson
Robert Maydon	Godfrey Smith ¹⁰	John Fennell
Robert Friskett	James Wood ¹¹	Benjamin Tyler
Green Robertson	Tandy Holeman ¹²	John Walden ¹³
Andrew Tosh	Benjamin Jackson	John Strachn [?]
Robert Wilch [Welsh] ¹⁴	Isaac Fencher	William Strother

³ [John Wigginton W6547](#)

⁴ [John Purcell \(Pursell, Purslev, Puslev\) S19046](#)

⁵ [John Garner W8208](#)

⁶ [Marquis \(Marques\) Kenton VAS1048](#)

⁷ [William Drone W3785](#)

⁸ [Littleberry \(Berry\) Shields W6024](#)

⁹ [Richard Johnson VAS1245](#)

¹⁰ [Godfrey Smith S37426](#)

¹¹ [James Wood W4717](#)

¹² FPA W25793

¹³ [John Walden \(Waldin, Waldren\) W9878](#)

¹⁴ [Robert Welch S1884](#)

Daniel Campbell
Richard Cooper¹⁵
Redman Cruize
Thomas Whitlock¹⁸
James Silcock
James Hucheson
Joseph Linn
Weedon Smith²⁰
Charles Morehead
John Morris
Richard Reiley²²
Thomas Jones
William Hunt
Ephraim Andrews²⁴
William Burke²⁵

Ebenezer Slason [?]
John Greene¹⁶
Andrew Brann¹⁷
George Forster
William Binns
William Haley
Thomas Thornhill¹⁹
William Lewis²¹
Randolph McDaniel
William Loden
William Bransford
William Bigbie²³
William Gray
John Reece

A List of Officers of Lees Legion who were born in the State of Virginia

Henry Lee²⁶ Lieutenant Colonel
Joseph Eggleston²⁷ Major
Ferdinand O'Neal²⁸ Captain
Patrick Carns²⁹ Captain – not born in Virginia but always returned himself as a Virginian
William Winston³⁰ Lieutenant
George Carrington Lieutenant
Peter Johnstone³¹ Lieutenant
Clement Carrington³²
Robert Power³³ Cornet
William Lunsford³⁴ Cornet & Quarter Master
Alexander Skinner³⁵ Surgeon & Lieutenant

¹⁵ [Richard Cooper S39357](#)

¹⁶ [John Green BLWt1435-100](#)

¹⁷ [Andrew Brann BLWt207-100](#)

¹⁸ [Thomas Whitlock S16020](#)

¹⁹ [Thomas Thornhill S46518](#)

²⁰ Probably the same man as [Weeden Smith BLWt523-100](#)

²¹ [William Lewis VAS913](#)

²² [Richard Rilea W2167](#)

²³ [William Bigbie S46368](#)

²⁴ [Ephraim Andrews BLWt415-100](#)

²⁵ [William Burke \(Burk\) S37802](#)

²⁶ [Henry Lee BLWt1299-500](#)

²⁷ [Joseph Eggleston W8687](#)

²⁸ [Ferdinand Oneal \(O'Neal\) R16846](#)

²⁹ [Patrick Carnes BLWt2266-300](#)

³⁰ [Williams Winston BLWt2443-200](#)

³¹ [Peter Johnston W27629](#)

³² [Clement Carrington S46427](#)

³³ [Robert Power \(Powers\) VAS259](#)

³⁴ [William Lunsford VAS1002](#)

³⁵ [Alexander Skinner BLWt1131-400](#)

Jefferson City March 24, 1807

Sir,

In reply to your Excellency's letter of the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that it was my policy to return all the officers & soldiers of my Corps as belonging to the quota of Virginia, because I [indecipherable word]³⁶ deal a service to my native state by increasing the effective Continental force & because I secured to men dear to me better emoluments.

The lapse of time renders it impossible for me to speak positively as to the particular fact you designate, I have therefore referred myself to the officer acting as pay master in the close of the war to my Regiment. His letter I enclose, it leaves me no doubt in my mind but that Doctor Irvine was returned as one of this state's quota & is therefore entitled to the bounty in land allowed to officers of his grade.

This gentleman was very particular friend & I am sure I never could have excepted from out of a general will applied with a view to benefit my officers & soldiers & to aid my own state in procuring the quota of troops but by his order which was not probable & of which I have not the most distant recollection. I conclude with offering my opinion that Doctor Irvine ought to be considered as entitled to the land bounty given by this state to her officers. As to Peter Johnston, I do not recollect but one of that name in my Corps. He was soon promoted to a commission & is well known to you as he has long been a member of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Excellency's obedient Servant
S/ Henry Lee

