

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Forsyth Robert VA R14237
Transcribed by F A Weyler 14Sep2013

Revised by Will Graves 6/19/14 as shown in italics

[p4] Document enclosed
Originals

Commission from Congress to Robert Forsyth as Captain in the Corps of Partizan Light
Dragoons commanded by Major Lee [*Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee*] date 10th January 1779

Commission from the Commonwealth of Virginia to Robert Forsyth as Major of the first Legion
of the forces of the Commonwealth: to take rank from 21 March 1781. Dated 10 Decr 1781.
Signed Benj Harrison countersigned William Davies
Seal of the state

Certificate of *Alex^r* Hamilton [*Alexander Hamilton*] Aid de camp to the commander in chief
certifying that Major Forsyth had served as aid de camp to Major Genl *Stevens* [*Adam Stephen*]
during his continuance in service. Dated Philad^a 10 Mar1780

Certificate of Gen^l Nath^l Greene that Major Forsyth has been in the service of the United States
in the different departments of the army from the Campaign in 1776 until evacuation of
Charleston dated head Q^f [headquarters] Charleston S^o Carolina 13 Aug^t 1783

These originals being valuable to M^r Forsyth I respectfully request that they may be
carefully preserved and returned. R. H. W.

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Recd 12 Nov.1832.

Dear Sir:

In conformity with your suggestion on the subject of Mr. Forsyth's application, I
addressed a letter to James E *Heath* Esqr – *Auditor of Public Accounts* of the State of Virginia
sending him copies of the original documents herewith enclosed to you. His answer you will also
receive herein.

Permit me to *recall* to your attention that Mr. Forsyth does not expect to bring his claim
within the provisions of the act of last session chap 173 p 150. He is apprized it is not *within* the
letter of the law and intends to petition congress. But it is desirable to him to sustain himself by
such a report from your department as will place the merits of the claim in *its true* light and show
if such be, as it he believes it is, the fact, that in principle his father's case rests on grounds as
just and meritorious as that of any other officer embraced by the act.

I am *Dr Sir*
with the highest regard

Yr mo obt *H^l St*
R H Wilde
Washington House
11Nov1832

To Hon Louis *McLane*

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Remarks

No claim as above except Rej. the#14237 – This is a claim for half pay under the Act of July 5, 1832, and there is no way of finding out whether it has ever been allowed or not

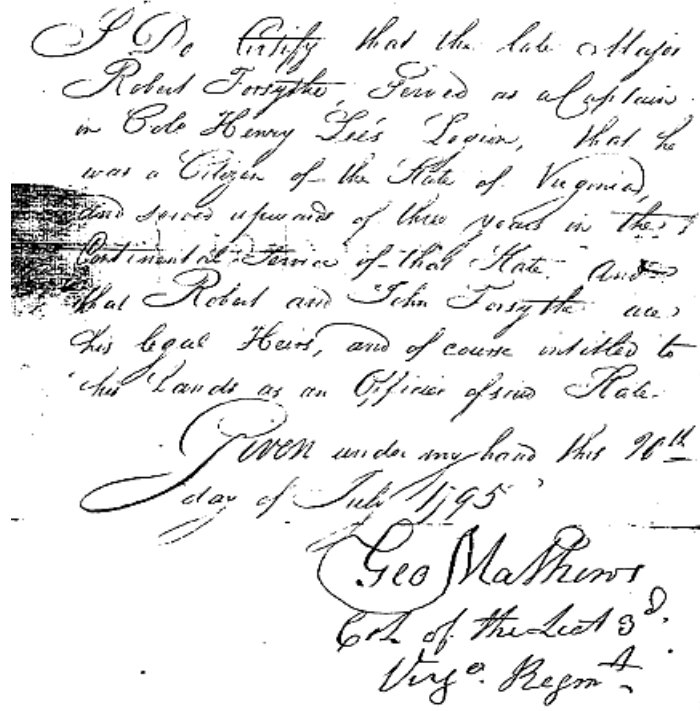
A. W. Feb 14 08 [A. W. are the initials of a clerk in the pension records section of what in 1908 was the Interior Dept. which had possession of the files at that time. I don't know his or her name.]

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

I do Certify that the late Major Robert Forsythe, Served as a Captain in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion, that he was a Citizen of the State of Virginia, and served upwards of 3 years in the Continental Service of that State. And that Robert and John Forsythe are his legal Heirs, and of course entitled to his lands as an Officer of said State.

Given under my hand this 20th day of July 1795

S/ Geo. Mathews [George Mathews]
Col. of the Leat [Late] 3d
Virga. Regm't



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Of the Commonwealth of Virginia

To Robert Forsythe, Esquire, Greeting:

Know you that from the special trust and confidence which is reposed in your fidelity, courage, activity and good conduct, our Governor, with the advice of the Council of State doth hereby constitute and appoint you the said Robert Forsythe to be Major of the 1st Legion in the forces of this Commonwealth, to take rank as such from the twenty first day of March 1781.

In testimony whereof these our letters are made Patent.

Witness Benjamin Harrison, Esquire, our said Governor, at Richmond, the 10th day of December 1781. Registered in the War Office

S/ Benj. Harrison

S/ William Dorcas

The Commonwealth of Virginia,
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is reposed in your fidelity, courage, ability and good conduct,
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constituted and appointed you, the said Robert Forsythe to be Major
of the 1st Legion in the forces of this Commonwealth, to take
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hundred and eighty one

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Benj. Harrison
William Dorcas