

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Calvert R18 VA Half Pay
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 May 2018.

1779

March 27	To J Calvert Surgeons Mate	£36	__
April 24	“ D[itt]o D’o	18	__
June 26	“ D’o D’o	36	__
Aug’t. 25	“ D’o Surgeons Mate p’d R’d. Beckardick [Richard Beckardick]	36	__
Dec’r 17	“ D’o Surgeons Mate up to Nov’r. 15	133	4

The foregoing is truly copied from Lawrence Smith’s pay roll now on file in this Office.
Given under my hand at the Auditor’s Office Richmond, this 11th day of October 1847
Jas E. Heath/ Va Aud

25th march 1780.

Army.

No 351. Warrent to Jonathan Calvert for his pay & Sub. as Surgeons }
Mate to Hospital at Portsmouth to the 19 Jan’y 1780. by acct. } £109.0.0

The above is truly copied from Auditors Waste Book No 3.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Officer Richmond this 15th day of October 1847.
Jas. E. Heath/ Va Aud’r

State of Virginia City of Norfolk to wit

Elizabeth Martin maketh oath that she knew and was well acquainted with the late Jonathan Calvert deceased, that the said Jonathan Calvert served as a Surgeons Mate between two and three years in the Virginia state line during the War of the Revolution under Dr Ramsay and that the said Jonathan Calvert continued to perform service under the same Doctor Ramsay after the seige of Yorktown in 1781 and continued so to serve as Surgeons Mate in the Virginia State Line until the troops were disbanded at the close of the war —Elizabeth herXmark Martin

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#), and copies are in the federal file.]

It appears from a list of certificates issued to the officers and soldiers of the State line of the Revolutionary Army that a certificate issued to Jonathan Calvert a surgeon’s mate in the said line on the 3^d. May 1784 for £202.1:8 the balance of his full pay or depreciation and that the said certificate was delivered to a colo. Starke. Given under my hand this 22 day of Dec’r. 1831 at the Auditors office Richmond
Jas. E. Heath

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Doctr Jonathan Calvert the person named in the certificate of the Audtr Mr Heath hereto attached, and that he was in the state line as a Surgeons mate with my Father Doctr Ramsey [sic: John Ramsay; see pension application of John Applewhaite, R12129] for two or three years. Given under my hand and seal this 18th of May 1832.

Sarah Gilbert

[Sworn to before Miles King, Alderman, Norfolk Borough]

NOTES:

A certificate from the Auditor’s Office in Richmond dated 10 Aug 1849 states that there was no evidence that Jonathan Calvert ever resigned.

A court document dated 28 May 1832 states that Jonathan Calvert died in the Borough of Norfolk around 1792, leaving only two children: Newton Calvert, who died about 1804 under age; and

Rebecca Calvert, who afterwards married Miles King, then died about 1828 leaving the following two children – Newton Calvert King and Charles King. N. C. King assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits for the service of Jonathan Calvert as Surgeon's Mate. A document dated 25 Jan 1796 indicates that John S. Calvert administered the estate of Jonathan Calvert.

On 5 Apr 1849 Miles King, Jr. assigned power of attorney to obtain benefits for the service of Jonathan Calvert. On 25 Apr 1849 N. C. King stated that the family Bible then in his possession has the following words "under the head Marriages Miles the Son of Miles and Martha King was married to Rebecca Calvert daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Calvert on the 21st of January 1805, and under the head of Deaths the following words 'Jonathan Calvert Son of Max'l. and Mary Calvert died 17th December 1792 aged 34 years.'" On 3 July 1849 N. C. King acknowledged that he and his brother had received in 1832 a warrant for bounty land, which was delivered to his father, Miles King, "who married the only Daughter of Jonathan Calvert." In a letter dated 13 Nov 1857 Charles K. King, one of the heirs of Jonathan Calvert, inquired about additional bounty land.