

(The precise time of their marriage he cannot recollect) But is certain as above stated that the tour of service was performed after his marriage. He also declares that his brother John Colvin was call out to serve a tour in the South and hired his Brother Harry Colvin to perform it for him. The length of the last mentioned tour was eighteen months as well as he recollects. It was also after his marriage to the said Sarah Colvin. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written

Mason hisXmark Colvin

State of Virginia }
County of Culpeper } To wit

On this 19th day of March 1838 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared John Freeman [W3798] of said County and State aged 81 years and of good character for veracity and integrity, who being duly sworn according to law, depose and saith, That he enlisted into the Army of the United States in the year 1775 under Capt John Green for one year That at the same time under the same officer John Colvin late of Culpeper county enlisted and served out that entire year. That he himself [the rest is largely illegible, but gives the maiden name of Sarah Colvin as Sarah Dillard]

State of Virginia }
Culpeper County }

On this 16th day of March 1838 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared David Jameson [S5607] of said County aged Eighty five years and of good character for veracity who being duly sworn depose and saith – That just before the commencement of the Revolution War he became acquainted with John Colvin then a sprightly Lad, who in August 1775 inlisted as a soldier under Capt. John Green who Raised a Company of Regular Soldiers for one year and who were the first company of the first Virginia Regiment; that said Company were soon ordered and did march to Williamsburg then the Seat of Government, where (or thereabout) the said company served the year for which they had enlisted; that said John Colvin then returned home; and that sometime in 1778 as he was informed and verily believes married Miss Dillard and in a short time became this affiants much esteem'd neighbour, and they ever after during the life of said Colvin lived near each other, in Harmony; and knows (for he was at times a Visitor) that said Colvin and Miss Dillard lived more or near Fifty years together as man & wife and raised three children and he verily believes were too Virtuous to have so acted unless married, and [illegible word], and from many circumstances is confident they were Legally married, although he saw not the ceremony performed by Parson Jones then our Parish Minister and that he advised Mr. Robert Colvin to apply to the Clerk of our county court to furnish a copy of what is generally call'd The Marriage License Bond, but it cannot be found; which this affiant thus accounts for; In the latter part of the year 1778 or Early in 1779 while he acted as Deputy Clerk of said Court, His office (whilst he was from home) was broken open in one night to shelter some soldiers from inclement weather, and when he returned home the next day he found that the soldiers had destroyed (by burning) a Vast number of Papers which had been filed, and never after could find a large bundle of "Marriage Licence Bonds" containing the Bonds immediately preceeding that event and has no doubt that they were then destroyed; and he further certifies that he has no recollection of the length of any Militia Tours said John Colvin performed during the war but that Mrs. Colvin is an aged widow now among us and of very respectable standing

D Jameson

State of Virginia } S.S.
Culpeper County }

On this 21 day of March 1838 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Sarah Colvin of said County aged 76 years and of good character for veracity who

being duly sworn according to law depose and saith, That in making a declaration for a pension under the act of Congress of July 4th 1836, she omitted to state one tour of her husband the late John Colvin during the Revolutionary War, and desires now to amend the same. That her husband as she states in the said declaration, employed his brother to serve an Eighteen months tour for him and that her husband was called on during the year that Cornwallis was in Virginia [1781] to serve a tour in his place as she thinks. That whether he did serve as substitute for his brother or not she know's that he was called on to serve a tour that year and that he was gone as well as she can remember three months from home. That she often heard him speak of a battle near Petersburg [possibly Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and thinks he staid till the seige at York.

I hearby Certify that I was acquainted with John Colvin late of Culpeper County Virg'a and that he Enlisted under Capt John Green of Culpeper on the 22 of September 1775 for twelve months and served the said the said period of Elistment I Certify that on the same day & date I enlisted for the same period under the same Officer and surved together for and dureing the said period of one year of one yeare we were discharged at Williamburg after the experatison of said period of Inlistment
Given under my Hand this 27 day of March 1837 [signed] Churchill Gibbs
Formerly Lie't. in Col George Gibson Regt

Colvins Tavern march 29 1838

Dear Sir [apparently Thomas Hord Esq] I have been detained in geting a copy of the Record some what longer than I Expected, and I send you the papers by the first mail after. If the within Depositions & my mothers Decleration will not do I dont know of any more proof that I can obtain. Except our ages entered in a small Book in my fathers own hand write namely my father John Colvin was born 16 marh 1758 my mother Sarah Colvin was born 11 Januay 1762 my sister Priscilla Colvin was born 16 July 1780 my self Robt Colvin was Born 14 June 1784 my Brother John D Colvin was Born 29 Sept 1800 if it is necessary that my deposition should be taken to the above, you will write my fourthwith & it shall be sent, but maj'e [magistrate?] E Browdus thinks it is not worth while & thinks there is proff Enough without it – my health is a little better than it has been for three months back my family all well hoping this may find you & your Enjoying the same blessing from your fr'd Robt. Colvin
Please write me as soon as you can R.C
[Sworn to on 5 April 1838.]