Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Roane X635 VA Half Pay
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Charles City county (towit)
This day [23 Nov 1833] James Bulifant personally appeared before us Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that Capt Christopher Roane late of the county of Prince George died leaving two Brothers James Roane and William Roane his only heirs – that William Roane died leaving a son his only child Doctor John Roane late of the county of Dinwiddie and that James Roane died leaving the following children William R Roane Christopher S Roane Rebeca E Clarke Hannah S Eppes Sarah H Roane James E Roane and Elizabeth T Roane his only heirs and who are the only heirs of the said Capt Christopher Roane now living

Treasury Department/ Registers Office, Dec 28 1847
It appears by the Records of the Treasury that on the 23d of November 1833, there was allowed by the direction of the Hon R. B. Taney, Secretary of the Treasury, the claim of Christopher Roane, an Officer of the State line of Virginia, his half pay, from the end of the War (of the Revolution) to the 3d of September 1795 [the presumed date of his death], deducting from it, the commutation of five years full pay, in lieu of the half pay [for life], paid by the State of Virginia to the said Roane, prior to the passage of the act of Congress for liquidating and paying the Virginia claims, approved the 5th July 1832: and the said allowance so made by Mr Taney was subscribed by his known and proper signature.
Daniel Graham/ Register.

The paper marked No. 4 is intended to indicate as near as may be the period of Capt Roanes death. It is believed that the exact period cannot at this late day be shewn; but it is a fair presumption according to the usage in Virginia of obtaining administration at the first or second monthly court after a decedants death, that he died in September or October 1795. I beg leave to remark to you, that perhaps some liberality of construction might be allowed on this point, as your Predecessor has decided that the Half pay of an officer who was in service at the time the Board of Field Officers reported (in 1782) should not commence until Sept 1783. I presume you would not revise that decision, but it is due to justice to observe that every officer belonging to the Virginia State line was disbanded in April 1783, the Governor having issued his proclamation to that effect at that time. Why they should lose their Half pay from April to Sept 1783, I am not able to perceive the reason of.
If Roane's death shall be fixed at Sept 1785 his heirs will be entitled to 2 years Half pay.
I am Sir very respectfully your obedient Serv't
The Hon W. J. Duane. Jas. E Heath

[The following is from bounty-land claims in the Library of Virginia.]

[I do certify] that Capt Christopher Rone late of [several illegible words] State artillery, enlisted in the Company [illegible word] commanded at first by Capt [illegible] State service some time in February [illegible] Company was afterwards towit in March [of] the same year taken into Continental service [and?] finally in Nov'r. 1776 Augmented to a Reg't. Mr. Rones first enlistment was for two years, before the expiration of which towit on the Raising of the Regiment he reenlisted for three years, & in that enlistment continued in service untill his appointment into Marshals Rgt above mentioned.
Richmond Sep'r. 28 1783. Ed Carrington [Edward Carrington]/ Lt Col. Reg't Art'y