

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Marshall¹ X931

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To the Honorable the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned only surviving heirs of Captain James Marshall who was an Officer in the service of the State of Virginia, during the Revolutionary War, Respectfully pray for the Executive that they certify to the Justice of the claim of the said Marshall under the laws of Virginia pursuant to the law of Congress lately enacted for the benefit of the Officers of the Virginia State line.

The evidence upon which the claim of Marshall is founded the particular service in which he was engaged, the grade, length of service, with all the necessary points, are herewith submitted, together with the certificate of the Register of the Land Office, that no Warrant ever issued to Marshall. Indeed the said Marshall died soon after the peace of 1783, it is believed, in the year 1788 – in the interval between which periods he was principally in the West Indies, immediately after his return from which place, he died.

The said Marshall had several children, named in the will here with file, all of whom died under age and without children, except Ann Marshall who afterwards became Ann Collier, by marriage with Charles M Collier, now you're Oratrix – And Jane Marshall afterwards Jane Haughtham by intermarriage, who left several children, all of whom died under age & without issue, except your petitioner Thomas Haughtham & Frances Young formerly Frances Haughtham – All which is respectfully submitted.

S/ Ann Collier

S/ Thomas Young in right of his wife Francis formerly
Frances Haughtham

S/ Thomas Haughtham

[Reverse]

Petition of Ann Collier & praying for the commutation pay to which James Marshall as an Officer of the Revolution was entitled.

A W Jones

December 17th 1830

Referred to Revolutionary Claims

4th February 1831

Rejected & Reported

Elizabeth City County to wit

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid this 31st

¹ Va Half Pay

day of August 1830 – William Jennings Senior² of Hampton who being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelists made Oath "That he is now 79 years old – was a soldier in the Revolutionary War – That he was well acquainted with and distinctly remembers Captain James Marshall of the Revolutionary Army, who was the Father of the present Mrs. Ann Collier of Hampton Virginia – That the said James Marshall was a Captain & engaged in the service of the State of Virginia – That he, the said Deponent frequently saw Captain Marshall in active service as an officer – that he knew the said Marshall as an Officer aforesaid immediately after the Declaration of Independence and that the said Marshall continued in the service of the State of Virginia as a Captain until the end of the Revolutionary War, in 1783 & that he recollects this last circumstance from the fact that immediately after the end of the war Captain Marshall went to the West Indies."

Given under my hand & seal this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord 1830
S/ Robert Lively, JP

I William Jennings Senior being sworn depose I was a soldier of the Revolutionary War between the US and Great Britain – I was well acquainted with Captain James Marshall, the Father of the present Mrs. Ann Collier of Hampton Virginia – Captain Marshall served in the Virginia State line, in the Land Service to the best of my belief & recollection in the Infantry & continued from the time I first knew him as an officer which was from soon after the commencement of the War of Independence I think in 1776 – till the end of the war. Witness my hand & seal this 25th day of October 1830.

S/ William Jennings Senior

Judge Marshall's Certificate

I was acquainted with Mr. James Marshall of the end of King George in 1769 & 1770 – I afterwards heard that he was in service or had been in service, but in what Regiment I was not told. I was told this on my inquiring concerning him from some gentlemen acquainted with him.

S/ J. Marshall

November 6, 1830

[p 5: "Commodore James Barron" also gave a supporting testimony saying that he was acquainted with Captain James Marshall who served in the Virginia service during the revolution.]

[pp 6 : Euphan Graves and Thomas Ross also gave supporting affidavits.]

[p 7: William Jennings gave another deposition in which he stated that James Marshall died in Elizabeth City County and left several children among them Mrs. Ann Collier and Jane Marshall who intermarried with Walker Haughton of Warwick County.]

[p 11: last will and testament of James Marshall in which he names his mother Ann Marshall; his beloved wife Euphan Marshall; and his children Ann, Armistead, George, Mary, and Jane.]

[The substantive documents in this file are all copies of originals. It is not clear where the originals might be, if still in existence, as there is not part of this file in the State Library of

² [William Jennings S5615](#)

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Elizabeth City County Legislative Petitions

[Note: This file contains copies of some of the same documents transcribed above. The documents transcribed below are also in the file referred to above but for some reason I elected not to transcribe them in preparing that transcript.]

Question – Were you or were you not acquainted with James Marshall, the father of the present Mrs. Nancy Collier, of Hampton Virginia during the Revolutionary War?

Answer. – I was – James Barron

Question. Do you know or do you not know that the said James Marshall was an Officer in the Revolutionary War, if so, what was his grade and in what service?

Answer. He was a Capt. in the Army of the State of Virginia
James Barron

Question. At what time to the best of your belief and recollection was the said James Marshall in service – that is to say, how long before the close of the Revolutionary War do you know the said James Marshall to have been in service?

Answer. To the best of my knowledge from about the year 1778 until near the end of that War, I was accustomed to see Capt. Marshall in Hampton as an Officer.

James Barron

[The above testimony of James Barron was acknowledged in Norfolk County, November 27, 1828.]

Question. Did you know or did you not know James Marshall, the father of the present Mrs. Nancy Collier of Hampton Virginia during the Revolutionary War?

Answer. I did E. Graves

Question. Do you know, or do you not know, whether the said James Marshall was in service during the Revolution?

Answer. I do E Graves

Question. Do you know, or do you not know, whether the said James Marshall continued in service to the close of the War of the Revolution?

Answer. He did. E Graves

[the above was attested in Norfolk borough on November 28, 1828]

Testimony of Thomas Ross

I Thomas Ross a citizen of Elizabeth City County, State of Virginia, and a soldier of the Revolution, being sworn, depose, that I very well knew Capt. James Marshall during the Revolutionary War. That I frequently saw Capt. Marshall as an officer in and about Hampton and the neighboring counties in said War; and that I know the said James Marshall as an officer in the service immediately after the commencement of the War of Independence. Witness my

hand and seal this 5th day of December 1828

S/ Thomas Ross, X his mark

I hereby certify that Capt. James Marshall died in Elizabeth City County and left several children, among them Mrs. Ann Collier of Hampton, the widow of Capt. James M Collier. All of Capt. Marshall's children died under age, unmarried and without children and intestate, except Ann, who intermarried with Charles M Collier of Elizabeth City County, and Jane Marshall, who intermarried with Walker Houghton of war at County. Said Haughtham [sic] and his wife died having 2 children Frances, now Frances Young, having intermarried with Thomas Young of Elizabeth City County, and Thomas Haughtham now a resident of the same County, so that the said Ann Collier, Frances Young & Thomas Haughtham are the only lineal descendents and heirs of Capt. James Marshall.

S/ William Jennings, Senior

[Attested in Elizabeth City County August 31, 1830]

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