I do hereby certify that Reuben Joynes, of Accomack, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the 9th Virginia Regiment, in the last of the year 1775, or the first of the year 1776, and that to the best of my knowledge and recollection, he served 3 years in the said Regiment, including the time of his captivity; as he was taken prisoner at the battle [of] Germantown [October 4, 1777], and that he died soon after the expiration of his service.

Given under my hand this 17th day of December 1807

S/ John Cropper, Jr., formerly
Lt. Col. Commdt. 11th Virga. Regiment