Robert Russell senr. [W5753] aged 73 years & who was a Revolutionary Soldier, & a man of truth and veracity made oath, before me that he served in the 9th Virginia Regiment & was in service & imprisonment about three years & a half – that James [James Ashby VAS2299] & David Ashby were both soldiers in s’d Regiment – that James Ashby was captured with the Witness at Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & was in service & imprisonment with the witness about 3½ years or nearly that time – that David Ashby was selected as one of Washingtons life guards & was taken out of s’d 9th Regiment, & the witness always understood that he served during the war – Witness my hand & seal at Accomack County this 19th Septr. 1832

Levin Hyslop [W7858] a Revolutionary pensioner & a credible witness made oath before me that he enlisted in Capt Blair’s [probably John Blair] Comp’y in the 9th Reg’t & about the end of his first tour reinlisted for the War & served till the War ended & has rec’d 200 acres of Bounty Land from Virginia for his services – that he was intimately acquainted with David Ashby & James Ashby both of whom was his neighbours – that James Ashby was captured at Germantown & kept in confinement a long time, & the Witness has no doubt he served upwards of 3 years including his confinement – that David Ashby was chosen as one of Washingtons life guards & served as such “during the War” as this witness verily believes. Witness my hand & seal this 19th Sep’r 1832 at Accomack County.

The afs’d Witness L. Hyslop drew 200 of land in 1807 or 8 for services “during the War”
The afs’d Witness R. Russell it is understood has recently been allowed 100 acres Bounty land for 3 yrs service.

I Sam’l Waples [Samuel Waples W6427] formerly a Lt in the 9th Va Cont’l Reg’t certify that David Ashby was selected as one of Washingtons life guards, but I cannot say how long he served or rank, as he was separated from the Reg’t in which I served
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I do hereby certify, that David Ashby enlisted a soldier in the ninth Virginia Regiment, on Continental establishment, the latter end of the year 1775, or beginning of the year 1776, and that he served faithfully the time for which he engaged; that he had the honor of being selected and served with reputation, as one of the life guards of General Washington.
Given under my hand at the county of Accomack, in the state of Virginia, the 1st day of August 1809.
Jno. Cropper Jr [John Cropper W3781] Lieut’
Colo Comm’dt (formerly) 11th Virginia
Regiment on Cont’l Establishment