Virginia documents pertaining to Joseph Davenport VAS3268
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. An affidavit by William D. McCarty of Richmond County VA is not legible enough for transcription.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the sixteenth day of November 1782, in the name of Joseph Davenport as a Sergeant of Infantry for £15.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Colo. [William] Peachey and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor’s Office, Richmond, this twentieth day of May 1833.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the twelth day of July 1783, in the name of Joseph Davenport as a Sergeant Major for £86.2.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Hagdale[?] and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor’s Office, Richmond, this twentieth day of May 1833.
Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Williamsburg  February 19th 1779.
State Garrison Regimt. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dr.
pr Ord. Commanding Officer.
To Sund’s. allowed by Act of Assembly for Wm Holliday [William Holliday], Wm Tucker [William Tucker possibly S7764], Wm Tune [William Tune], Jno. Carpenter [John Carpenter], & Jno. Barnett [John Barnett]. (viz)
To 10 pair Shoes @ 25/. 6 Shirts @ 30/. £21.10.
“ 6 pr Yarn Stockings @ 15/. . . . . . . . . . 4.10.
“ 2 pr Shoes for Fair @ 25/.. . . . . . . . . . . 2.10.
The Shirts & Stockings for Holliday, Barnett & Tucker.
[The foregoing is truly extracted from the journal of the public store at Williamsburg. {marked B. 1778} Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Rich’d 1 Aug 1833./ J. E. Heath/ Aud of Virg’a

Williamsburg  October 7th 1778.
State Garrison Regim’t pr Gen’l Ord Colo. Moeballe [Nicholas George Moëballé] Dr
To sundries for 4 men namely John Miskel [John Miskell VAS702], Jno Williams [John Williams], John Morris, & Henry Hall as allowed by act of Assembly: viz
To 8 Shirts @27/6d & p Hose @ 18/.. . . . £18.4.0
“ 8 pr Shoes @ 24/. 4 Hats @ 7/6 . . . . 11.2.0
To Blankets for 4 @ 73/ . . . . . . . . . . . . 14.12.0
pr. Jos Davenport Serj’t
. . . [Copy certified on 9 Aug 1833]
Northumberland County Virginia
I James Norris of Richmond County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Joseph Davenport, that he entered the service in the revolutionary war to the best of my recollection the state line, he entered the service in 1776 or 1777 & was in the service three years & nine months, he was an officer of some grade but what I am unable to say given under my hand this 17th day of May 1833
James Norriss Sen’r

Northumberland County Virginia
I James Norris do hereby certify that Joseph Davenport entered the revolutionary war with my uncles Martin Norris, George Norris, & Henry Pullin [probably Henry Pullen VAS299] they were all my immediate neighbors. I was raised with them & knew distinctly when they entered the service. I can not say who they entered the service with, as there were many recruiting officers in the neighbourhood during the war. I recollect distinctly the circumstance of the before mentions persons entering the service & their absence Given under my Oct’r 15 1833
James Norris [same signature as for James Norriss above]

This case is submitted upon the testimony of two witnesses, one of whom proves that the applicant entered the service in ‘76 or 77 and continued in the service 3 yrs. & 9 ms. The other states only that he served 3 or more years. The fact of his having served 3 yrs. & 9 ms. proves to my mind satisfactorily that his service must have been under 2 enlistments each for a shorter period than would entitle him to land bounty. I therefore advise that the claim be rejected. D. S. Wilson [?] 1833 Nov 21

Allowed as Serjeant Major in the State Line three years