Virginia documents pertaining to Stephen Field VAS3565
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I certify that I was well acquainted with Stephen Field who was a Lieutenant and recruiting officer in the revolutionary war, for and during the war, and that he served until the end of the said war as Lieutenant and that he filled his part with honour to himself under the Command of Col Nelson and that he was Honourably discharged as Witness my hand and seal this fourth day of June 1832

[Gloucester County] Wm hisXmark Figg [William Figg]

I certify that I am now in my seventy fifth year of age I knew Stephen Field who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State line he was of Gloucester County where I was borne & raised. he was in service for four or five years, but how long or to say the exact number of year I cannot. I was in the Militia service in the revolutionary War. I saw the Battle at York town at the siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] As Witness my hand and seal this second day of May in the year 1833

Wm hisXmark James [possibly William James W1875]

I Benjamin Warner of Gloucester County, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Stephen Field of this county, who was a Lieutenant and recruiting officer in the Revolutionary service in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, and was stationed a part of his time at Hubbards old field near Portopolauck [Porotopank?] in this county. I well remember his recruiting Robert Brown and Benjamin Row of this county, both of whom went away to the north; Brown served out his term of three years and returned home. Row died in the service as I understood. I never saw him after he marched from the county. some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven or seventy eight the said Stephen Field marched from Portopolauck to the North, as I was informed and believe he did, and was gone a long time I do not recollect seeing him again till after the close of the war, when I frequently met with him and conversed with him about the war and his services. The said Stephen Field was a Lieutenant of Infantry and I believe he was attached to the state line, but to what particular regiment or company I cannot say with certainty. as witness my hand and seal this 24th day of May AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

B Warner

1833 June 18 Rejected
Field’s name is not in the Report of 1782.
The evidence is [undeciphered word] & too general to be satisfactory

Re-Submitted June 18
The grounds of the former rejection of this claim are not removed by the new evidence. Rejected BR

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

I Alexander C. Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506] of the county of King & Queen and state of Virginia, do hereby certify & declare that I enlisted on the 3rd day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, as a Fifer, in the Revolutionary war, under Captain Charles Collier [VAS3068]: on the 28th of the same month (February) I marched with Captain Collier’s recruits to Williamsburg, and was placed in the continental Barracks, where I remained ‘till the completion of the new magazine or State Barracks, when I went into said Barracks, and remained therein, ‘till the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight: Immediately after the receipt of orders to march the troops
from Williamsburg to the north, Captain Collier resigned, and Captain Abner Crump [R13459] took command of the company in his stead: In the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight, I marched, under the command of Captain Abner Crump, attached to the first Virginia Regiment commanded by col. George Gibson [BLWt1985-500] to valley Forge, where I was enoculated for the small pox. From valley Forge I went to Monmouth: From thence, to Stoney Point [Stony Point NY]; from thence: From thence, to White Plains, and from thence went to Philadelphia, where I stayed ten or twelve days and then returned to Virginia: after remaining with my friends in King & Queen, on a visit, three or four weeks, I went to Williamsburg to obtain my discharge (having served out my tour of three years and a little more) and was sent by the then Governor, to Col. Allison [John Allison W4112], who was in command at Petersburg: I obtained my discharge from Col. Allison in July seventeen hundred and eighty one, but I was taken very sick immediately after, and remained in Petersburg ‘till after all the troops left there for the South. I then returned to King & Queen, where I have resided ever since. I was well acquainted with Stephen Field of Gloucester county, who was a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Revolutionary war, and, as well as my memory served me, he was attached to the 2nd Virginia State Regiment, under the command of Col. Wm. Brent [William Brent VAS2639] The said Stephen Field was a recruiting officer in the counties of Gloucester and King & Queen, and after recruiting his quota of men he marched with his company to the north, in the Spring of the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight: He was attached to the 2nd State Regiment commanded by Col. Wm. Brent, but I do not now recollect who was his captain: The said Stephen Field & his company marched at the same time that the company did to which I was attached: We started from Williamsburg, arrived at Valley Forge, and served together a short time at that place, then at Monmouth, and afterwards at Stoney Point and white Plains, and returned together to Philadelphia, from which last mentioned place we started on our return home. I left the said stephen Field in command as a Lieutenant, at Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, and have no recollection of seeing him again till some time after the close of the war. As witness my hand and seal this 7th day of November A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Alexander C. hisXmark Shackelford

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 [undeciphered] day of November 1783, in the name of Stephen Field as a Lieut Infantry for £54.8.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Capt Taliaferro and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor’s Office, Richmond, this 13th day of December 1833.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Lieut Stephen Field.

See Journal of the Council, date February 3rd 1777.

Lieut. Stephen Field was commissioned a first Lt 12 May 1777 (see Mr Smiths Report [not transcribed here]) the deposition of Mr Shackelford stated him to have been a recruiting officer. He was probably so at the time his name is mentioned in the Council Journal (as above) The same witness was with him in service untill the campaign of 1780 when he left him in service at Lancaster in Pennsylvania. If this witness is to be believed (and there is certainly no reason to question the truth of his statement) the case is entirely made out