I do certify that Benjamin Gavin did on the fourteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven enlist as a private Soldier in a company which I then Commanded in the Eighth Virginia Continental Regiment for the term of three years which Term he served and was discharged by Colo. Febiger [Christian Febiger VAS675], which discharge I have frequently seen but he informs me he has lost it. Given under my hand this 14th August 1784

D. Stephenson [David Stephenson BLWt2057-400]
late major Virg’a Con’l Line

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