Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Waples W6427 Sabra P. Waples VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 10 July 2017.

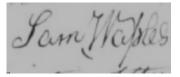
Revolutionary Claims.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I Samuel Waples of [blank], in the county of Accomack, in the State of Virginia do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such from the early part of the year 1776, and remained in service until the Regiment to which I belonged was taken prisoners at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] in December 1777 I made my escape from Prison and reported myself at Headquarters, was then furloughed untill called for, but never was called again into service at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Ninth regiment of the Virginia line.

And I also declare, that I never received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

And I do further declare, that I have not received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3d day of March, 1826, anything, nor never have received any pension in any manner whatsoever

Witness my hand, this Seventeenth day of June, in the year 1828



Before me Levin S. Joynes a justice of the peace in the county of Accomack, in the State of Virginia, personally, this day, Samuel Russell [S38344] (Sergeant) aged 80 years and William Lilliston (Private aged 73 years United States Revolutionary Pensioners [pension applications S38344 and S38141], of the said county, who did severally make oath that Samuel Waples by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed and known by them personally to have been an officer in the Army of the Revolution, in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of June in the year 1828– Levin S. Joynes J.P.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,/ Sept. 6, 1828

Samuel Waples, of [blank] in the County of Accomack, in the State of Virginia, has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he was an officer on the Continental line, and served as such untill the close of the war, (the latter part of the time on furlough) at which period he was a Lieutenant in the Ninth regiment of the Virginia line; and that he has not received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March 1783; and further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

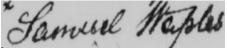
The Third Auditor is requested to report how far these several statements are corroborated by the records in his office. By order of the Secretary/ A. Dinkins.

The Revolutionary records in this office furnish no information whatever in relation to the services of Lt Samuel Waples of the Virginia line. Peter Hagner Aud

D'r Sirs Accomac County V'a. Dec'r. 6th 1828

Last evening I received your friendly information and was much disappointed that it did not give me information of what I have long expected, and that a further Proof of my being an offier in the war of the Revolution was needful, agreable to instructions, received I have proven by the oathes of Samuel Russell who was a Serjeant in the 9th V'a. Reg't. & in Cap't. Thos. Sneads [Thomas Snead's] Comp'y. and by the oaths of Wm. Lilliston private of the same company who are both now Liveing that I was an officer in the 9th V'a. Reg't. and that I was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown &c. And now there is Colo. John G. Joynes, Leven L. Joynes a Justis of the peace for this County and Thos. R. Joynes now Clark of the county court, all of the sons of Colo. Levin Joynes who was at the Battle of GermanTown 4th Oct'r 77 then Maj'r of the 9th Va, Reg't. I say that all these gentlemen will avouch that they have known that there father did confess me to be his Bro. Officer, faught under his command &c &c, and Colo. John G. Joynes above has long sence profvered to go by Washington on his way to Baltimore & Phila. as a merchant in the County, and aid in bringing a warrent &c. I was thankful for his offer but did not wish to Trouble him expecting it would come by male Colo. Thos. M. Bayley Profered also to go by Washington in my behalf he is now at Richmond a delegate from accomac who told me often that he processed information from Colo., sence Gen'l. Cropper [John Cropper, W3781] prof sufficiant to establish my clame and could mention the Honorable Burwell Bassett with whoome I've been acquanted for Twenty years, who I believe will say from the information he has heard that he believes I was an officer in the Revolution, and now D'r. Sirs after a strict and hasty search amongst old Papers, I know that I had it once, I have found & which I inclose Maj'r Gen'l. Nath'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] furlow which I hope will be a sufficient Testimoney that I was and did faithfully serve as an officer in the armey of the Revolution he states that I had lost all my Baggage which was a fact and I can say of Truth that Baggage was from my own and my Friends Private fund, for I had resorces from Phila & from Virg'a. and I never Rec'd. from government united States But one pr shoes & a small vest on outside as I remember on Oath and our pay was so deperciated as to be little worth, and I now mention with gratitude to Colo. after then, Gen'l. Morgin [sic: Daniel Morgan], Leu'tts. Henderson Culbertson, Moore & others of his corps for cloathing to hide my skin from the severity of the then winter 77 they had Return'd. from the reduction of Burgines army [surrender of Burgovne at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777] & had cloathing I am now old & infirm have now been at much Trouble & Seven or Eight dollars Expence on this Business and have not a Dollar to spare all of which is humbly submitted to you Sir by your most Obed. Serv't.

Honorable Ric'd. Rush Secretary Treasury U. States



P.S. As to my acquntance of officers who are liveing I know not our Bregade was comm'd. By Peter Muehlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], composed of the 1st. 5th. & 9th Va. Reg't.s the german Battalion, composeing Part of G'l. greens Devision, some of all I was acquanted with with our Colo. George Mathews who was wounded & Lt. Colo. John Seares [sic: John Sayres] Levin Joynes our Maj'r. Mentioned before who was a prisoner with me & every other officer of the Reg't. I was well acquanted which will be teadious to mention, Oliver Toots was a prisoner with me Colo. Frashure [probably Lt. Col. Persifor Frazer of 5th PA Reg.], Luke Malbery of the Pensyvania line [sic: Col. Luke Marbury of MD], Cap'n. Exelander [Alexander?] Lt. greenway Doct'r Porter & others of the Delaware Faiget[?] captered by the Enemy were all Prisonors with me in the State house Phila. & I was well acquanted & associates with them – You'l please to excuse me My arm, hand, & other parts with the Rheumattic pains that I must only say as before I'm your Ob't. Serv't. Sam Wapl

Hon'bl R'd. Rush Sec. T

L.t. amuel Waples of the 9 Virgina Regiment haveing lost all his baggage and there being but few men belonging to the Regement he is permited to go to Virgina to return and join his corps as soon as order'd or at the first of May without orders.– Given under my Hand at Camp Valey Forge Decem 27 1777

To all it may concern — Nath Greene MG

Hathquere me

State of Virginia, Accomack County SS

Be it remembered that Thomas R Joynes this day personally appeared before me John W Custis one of the Justices of the Peace for the said County, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists, that amongst the papers which came into his hands as executor of the late General John Cropper of said County was a paper headed "A Roster of the officers of the 9th Virginia Regiment with their now Hold and are entitled to Hold" that in the said Roster he finds the name of "Saml Waples" as 2nd Lieut. The deponent believe that the said Roster is in the hand writing of his late father Colo Levin Joynes who was the Major of said Regiment as entered on the said Roster. That the said paper was filed away amongst the valuable papers of said General Cropper, relating to the Revolutionary War, and is endorsed "Roster of Officers 9th Virginia Regiment January 1777" That the deponent is well acquainted with the handwriting of the said General John Cropper, and he is perfectly satisfied that the word and figures "January 1777" are in the handwriting of the said John Cropper. The deponent further says that he has frequently heard the said John Cropper and other officers of the Revolutionary army speak of said Samuel Waples as an officer of the 9th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War.

Tho. R Joynes

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 12th day of December 1828

Jno. W. Custis Justice of the Peace

Millsboro Dec'r. 24th 1828

I have to ask of you the favour to use your exertions in geting an allowance to an old Dear Sir/ revolutionary officer in whom I feel great Interest. my Father Samuel Waples of Virginia, was an officer in the revolutionary war, he was in several hard faught Battles to wit one on the Brand Wines [sic] & the German Town which last place he was taken Prisoner by the British, Colo Jno Cropper of Va was his Colo the necessary papers to substantiate his Claim we think has been Forwarded to Mr Rush, viz the depositions of two living Witnesses Samuel Russell & Wm Lilliston, Nath'l. Green, M Gen Furlow, dated Dec'r 27 1777. Thos R Joynes Esgr — Ext'r to Colo Cropper found among the Cols papers a list containing the rank of all the officers to which he had attached his affidavit certifying to the correctness of said paper & my father certainly was in that war & suffer'd much he is now and old man upwards of seventy years, Mr. Rush wrote him some time ago, saying that his claim was not rejected nor yet approved; signifying that he had best Furnish some living Testamony of his services, he has don so, my Father thinks from the delay in the business that Mr Rush has over looked Russells & Lillistons depositions as theirs was On the point, they being Soldiers in the same line. Colo Croppers list of officers & together with Major Gen'l. Greens Furlow would I suppose be pretty good evidence of his being in the service. I want you if you please to call on Mr Rush and make the enquiry how the matter stands and try & let me know what prospects their is of his succeeding & if anything yet necessary to be done what & how. please direct me your attention will greatly oblige your Friend & very humble Serv't

[signed] Wm D Waples

NB is not Colo Aaron Ogden dead it seems to run in my head he is, if so should the allowance be made my Father, some one also must be empowered to receive it WDW

Dec. 31st 28

As permitted I proceed to give you a statement of what I know of Lt. Samuel Waples a resident of Accomack County Virginia I have been acquainted with Mr Waples for 20 years and can vouch for his purity of probity and veracity from himself I have when no inducement would have induced him to depart from what was correct speak of his situation in the army and at a subsequent period he gave me in letter a detailed account of his escape from Philadelphia when he was a prisoner after the Battle of Germantown. This I have heard from himself. Accomack is one of the counties of my District I am of course well acquainted in it. The current understanding in the county is that Mr Waples was an officer in the revolutionary army. I was well acquainted with general Cropper who was a colonel in the revolutionary army and for his military services made general of militia. I know that he always acknowledged that Mr

Waples was an officer of the Virginia line I had a slight acquaintance of Levin Joynes who is spoken of as the majer of Lt. Waples regment. He was a sena[tor] from his district and much [undeciphered word] he died 25 or 30 years ago before I was well acquainted in Accomack. I was well acquainted with Majer Joynes by my father who served in the Senate with him. His sons are now the most respectable and influential men in the county.

of Mr Waples's just claim I have not a shadow of doubt from the concurring testimony of the county. If Mr Waples was as is proved by the [undeciphered word] from Col. Cropper in the army he would get out of it only by resignation. That he did resign is only provable from his ceasing to be born on the rolls of the army This tho [undeciphered word] evidence is of the slightest[?] kind the declaration of the party has often been [undeciphered word] to rebutt it and ought to be so considered in this case. The furlough from Gen Green does away [several undeciphered words] on the rolls He was a supernumerary [with too few troops for a command] and as such expressly provided for by the resolve of eighty. That Mr Waples did not apply for his commutation was the result of the retired [undeciphered word] of his situation His not having [several undeciphered words] for the merits of Mr Waples and the corps in which he served I refer you to Marshalls history [probably Chief Justice John Marshall's *History of the American Colonies*] for the gallant conduct of Col. Thomas mathews and his regement who suffer so [undeciphered word] at German Town.

most respectfully/ your Obt Srv/

[signed] Burwell Bassett

State of Virginia, Accomack County Sc.

Be it remembered that Samuel Russell, of the county aforesaid, this day personally appeared before me, Tully R. Wise Jr, one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the said county, and made oath, that he is now, and was well acquainted with Samuel Waples of the said county, during the whole of the war of the revolution; that he, the deponent, knows that the said Samuel Waples entered the revolutionary army, as a Lieutenant in the 9th virginia regiment, in the year of Seventeen hundred and Seventy Six; that he the said Samuel Waples, was engaged in the battles of Brandywine and German Town, and was taken, as a prisoner, at the last mentioned place, and, as this deponent understood and verily beleives, was carried to Philadelphia by the enemy; that he, the said Samuel Waples, afterwards eloped from the enemy, as this deponent understood, and then obtained a furlough from General Nath'l Green, and returned to this county sometime in the month of February Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight; that he remained here until about the latter end of April or first of may following, when he, the said Samuel Waples, went off with the avowed intention of rejoining the army in conformity with the terms of his furlough, and as this deponent verily beleives, did so. When this deponent recollects, as he does, the ardent zeal of the said Samuel Waples in the cause of the revolution, and the exactness, which he invariably observed in the exection of every duty appertaining to his station, there remains not a shadow of doubt on his mind of his having returned to the army in obedience to orders, and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of January 1829

before me Tully R. Wise Jr

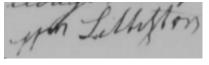


State of Virginia, Accomack County Sc.

Be it remembered that William Lilliston [38141] of the county aforesaid, personally appeared before me, Tully R. Wise Jr. one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, and made oath, that he, the deponent, is now, and was well acquainted with Samuel Waples of the said county during the whole of the war of the revolution; that he knows that the said Samuel Waples was an officer of the 9th Virginia regiment, and was engaged in the battle of Brandywine. This deponent has also understood that the said Waples was engaged in the Battle of German-Town and was taken, as a prisoner, and carried to Philadelphia by the enemy. This deponent also remembers that he saw the said Samuel Waples in the aforesaid county of Accomack sometime in the early part of the Spring of Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight, as he then understood, on furlough, and understood moreover that he had to go back again. After

that time he did not see the said Samuel Waples for a considerable time, although they lived in the same

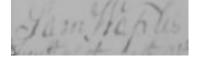
neighbourhood, and he supposes that he must have rejoined the army in conformity with the terms of his furlough, and further saith not. Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of January 1829 before me Rully R. Wise Jr



A Supplemental Declaration of Lieut. Sam. Waples of the 9th Va. Regt. in the war of the Revolution. After I had obtained a furlow from Maj'r Gen'l. Green Learning that Colo. John Cropper who had been a Capt'n. in the 9th VA Reg't. and from accomac with whoome I was well acquanted and much attatched, I say hearing that he was supperntendent at a little vallage called Betheham [sic: Bethlehem] where lives a kind people called Maravens [sic: Moravians] and believing that the Colo. would be glad to hears from his Brother officers that I left behind in prison &c &c I borrowed a horse in camp Valey Forge and proceed to said Bethlehan where I staid with Colo. Cropper through the Christmas untel the first of Jan. 7 1778 got acquanted with sevrel officers Sevrel officers was there sick & wounded Lieut. Levenston [probably Livingston] If I remmember his name I think that was a son of a Govenore of New York – from thence I return'd to Camp Value Forge Delivered up the Horse, and staied within the huts with a Lieu'tt. I think his Name was Martan however I staid in sevrel of the officers huts some fue dayes, from thence I proceed given Phil'a. a wide Berth where the Enemy was passed to the west of Phil'a. throughout & into the Deleware State Maryland to Accomac Va. where there & Northampton & there about untel toward the Last of aprill I baugh me a horse and proceeded to the Camp of Washington Army and arrived I think the 2nd or third Day of May 1778 which I could make Oath to I reported my self to Head quarters I dont say how long I staid presizely But this I know I was with Colo. Cropper who had return'd to camp from Bethelham & with him staid some time and at the Ouarters of Robert Forman [sic: Robert Foreman] who had been Pay Master to our Reg't. the ninth, one thing I have oftimes Remembered walking one evening through the camp with Colo. Cropper & sevrel othere officers we stoped to here the talk of the soldiers in front, at there Bantering & some said I will Bete that I can carrey you & your turn[?], Cropper said to me that word carrey is proper, we Virginians say Tote which is not a propper word, & and I likewise can assert that I plaicd fires at a Battery in camp which was allowed By his Excellency G'e. Washington for the exersize of the Officers and now these last asserciesns[?] was at Camp in May 1778. I will not Posively say how long I staid in camp, But this I will say that there was neither officers nor men left in the 9th Va. Reg't. the Reg't. being cut up & destroied at the Battle of Germine Town the 4th of Oct'r 77 I felt myself and myself only left there on which acc't. I applied at head Quarters and obtained Liberty to return again to Virg's. untel called for &c. and I never was called for that I ever heard and I can further say that I never received any Reward from Congress Except my monthly Pay while at camp and the money soon became of less & less of Valey - Now under the above Truths I subscribe myself

Jan'y 31st 1829

Sam Waples once a Lieut. of the 9th Va. Reg't.



[The following bears no date]

Sirs Permit me to take the liberty to relate some of the seanes that I Sam Waples now in my 74 years passed through in the war of the Revolution I was earley & active in the war I belonged to the minute Company Commanded by Isaac Smith Esq'r. now dec'd. theire was a Committy of Observation and when by the ordered the company was on the alert. in the yeare 1775 I marched to Cambridge [MA] Camp Army was at Lexinton [sic: Lexington MA] and Concord where the first american blood was spilt. Returned to Virginia again the 9th Virg'a. Reg't. was to be raised I was appointed a Lieutenant in the said Regiment it was raised & stationed by Companies in the different parts of the Eastren Shore for defence. in the latter part of 1776 the Regiment then under the Command of Colonel Thomas Flemming [sic:

Thomas Fleming] was ordered to Joine his Excellency Gen'l. Washington which we did at MorrisTown N. Jersey the same winter I received orders from Headquarters to return to Virg'a. with Gen'l. Washingtons order of a pardon to desserters If they would come in and on his Command I obstained between 30 & forty and on my return with them throught Philadelphia I received from Gen'l. Skilare [sic: Philip Schuyler, NY Continental Line] orders to visit the diffrent Ospitles and collect the soldiers which was through the small pox which I did and with them & the disserters marched and joined the army at Mutuchen [sic: Metuchen] Lines N. Jersey and with the army doing every duty assigned me I was in the detachment under Lieut. Colo. Richard Parker at Amboy &c. and as well in the detachment under Gen'l. [John] Sullivan &c &c But to be Breef I fought & blead in the Battle of Brandiwine the 11th of September 77 I was in the hard fought Battle, by our Reg't. the 4th of Oct'r. at Garmen Town not knowing that our army had falen Back our Rege't. was there cut up and the survivers worn out with fateag was made Prisoners Colo. George Mathews who commded us was so severly wounded with the Bayonets, & Le't. Colo. John Seares killed Major Scott who had his arm Broken was with us and many others wounded and in short, it was a seane of carnage the Prisoners of us was at Night marched to Phil'a. thurst into the New Goal with every indignity shown us our Commissions which was hung around our necks was by there officers Twisted of the promise that we should have in Lue threof a halter in the morning [i.e. their gorgets, symbols of rank, were twisted off their necks with the promise they would be replaced by a noose], we remained in goal three days without the least sustinance from the Britchis we the officers was taken to the State House there kept under strong guards with scanty allowane there a time with [without?] fuel or fire our allownce so scanty that we had to give our Rations allowed & six dollars pr week each of us a dollar to them that found us s[edge of page] the Latter part of December I had the good fortune to make my Escape from the State house and passed in disguise three days dodgen in many places before I could git to our army, where and when I reported my self at Head Quarters &c I rec'd. a furlough from Major Gen'l. N Green in whose division I belonged & as well Brig'r. Gen'l. Petter Muehlinberg to whose Brigadge I was attatched, to go to Bethleham where our Baggage had been sent for security before the action & had the mortification to find nothing. I was then naked I returned to Campt obtained liberty to return home & Joyne the army in the spring which I did and in the yeare 78 as I was the only officer then out of confinement and no 9th Reg I applied at head Quarters and obtain'd. leave to return to Virg'a untel called for; I also s[edge of page] that since I never have received any amoliment from Congress, you will forgive the trouble of so long a detale that I sent for your prusel Yet I can say that My Friend Colo. Thos M. Bayley as well others of my Friends said to me give Colo. Odgen a cattelodge as above &c &c [other side]

Sirs according to your instructions I have inclosed under Cover directed to the Honorable the Secretary of the Tresury containing my own and the witnesses affadvets &c &c and I hereby acknowledge that I am willing to make or allow to the gentle[edge of page] the agents the same percentague as the other officers &c on the same amount allow them all of which is humbly submitted to you by your obedent servant

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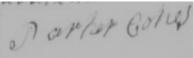
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Tam Wable

I Samuel Waples formerly Lieutenant in the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the revolutionary war Do declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I ever assigned and transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever therefore [the rest is power of attorney]

Sam Watsles

I Parker Copes [pension application S39350] aged 68th years do upon my oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Samuel Waples who has subscribed the above power of Attorney in my presence and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be and further I do believe that he did perform the military service in the Virginia Line on continental establishment in the revolutionary war. That I Parker Copes was a soldier in the 11th Virginia Regiment on continenal establishment [28 Dec 1830]



State of Virginia } SS County of Accomack }

On this seventh day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Sabra P. Waples, aged sixty four years, a resident of Accomack County, in the State of Virginia, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Samuel Waples deceased, who was a lieutenant of Infantry in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Snead in the nineth Virginia regiment of the Continental line Commanded by Colonel George Matthews, in the revolutionary war, that her said husband obtained a pension from the United States for his services in said war under the act of Congress passed the [blank] day of [blank] A.D. 1828; that since his death she has filed her declaration as the widow of said Samuel Waples deceased and has been placed upon the pension list at the rate of \$320 per annum under the act of Congress of the third day of February A.D. 1853; that she refers for evidence of the services of her said husband, and for the proof of his death, of her marriage, and of her being his widow, to the declaration of her said husband made to obtain a pension a aforesaid, to the declaration made by herself as aforesaid, and to the papers accompanying said declarations now on file in the pension office.

She further states that she was married to the said Samuel Waples in the County and State aforesaid on the 22^d day of August A.D. 1822 by one Thomas Walters a minister of the Gospel and that her name before her said marriage was Sabra P. Scarburgh, that her husband died at his residence in the County and State aforesaid on the 11th day of August A.D. 1834 and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3^d 1855 [signed] Sabra P Waples

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

I do certify that Samuel Waples, a resident of this county, was appointed a Lieutenant in the 9th Virginia Regiment at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, that he was taken prisoner at the battle of German Town in October 1777, and that he was always esteemed a brave and valuable officer. Given under my hand at Accomack county 7th March 1807. Jno. Cropper Jr. formerly Lt. Col. Comm[andant] 11th Virg'a Regt.

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

To the Governor &c of Virginia

Samuel Waples prays an allowance of Bounty Land for 1 yr 10 months services over 6 years. By reference to Gen'l Croppers certificate given in March 1807 when Capt. Waples (Lt) drew 2666 acres it will be seen that he entered the service at the Commencement of the Revolution. By reference to Capt Waples affidavit herewith filed it will be seen that he has drawn Bounty Land from the U. States for services to the end of the War, & is now drawing full pay for life under the act of May 15, 1828. The letter of Mr Gordon Chief Clk of the Bounty Land office herewith filed [not transcribed] also proves the same facts. By reference to the act of Congress of May 15 1828 it will be seen that it embraces those only who served to the end of the war & thus became entitled to Commutation. Respectfully submitted/ V Ellis/ for S. Waples

The affidavit of Samuel Waples formerly a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary War and now a Pensioner of the United states under the act of Congress of May 15th 1828 who states that he was commissioned a Lieutenant in Thomas Parramore's [VAS136] company of the 9th Virginia Regiment when said Regiment was first raised towit the last of the year 1775 or first of the year 1776 and was in service on the Eastern Shore during the whole of the year 1776 until December, in which month he marched to the north & joined the army at Morristown New Jersey – that he was in the battle of Germantown of Oct. 4, 1777 & was taken prisoner in that Battle and sent to Philadelphia where he was confined till Dec'r of said year when he made his escape & returned to Camp at Valley Forge Pennsylvania – that on the 27th Dec'r 1777 he obtained permission from Gen'l. Nathaniel Green to return to Virginia upon furlough having lost all his baggage & there being but few men then remaining of his Regiment & no occasion for his services – that he returned to Camp Valley Forge & reported himself to Gen'l Muhlenburgh who invited him to go to Gen'l. Green which the witness did & by Gen'l. Green was directed to report himself to Gen'l Washington which he accordingly did & was by him directed to return to Virginia & wait further orders & hold himself in readiness when called for which he always did - that he was not in fact in service after May 1778 but that he always during the whole of the War considered himself as belonging to the Army, but in consequence of the destruction & capture of his Regiment at Germantown as aforesaid he had no men to command – that he has drawn 200 acres of land from the United States for services to the end of the War & considers himself now entitled to additional Bounty from Virginia for one year & two months services over six years or thereabouts - he further states that his commission was taken from him at Philadelphia when he was imprisoned by Provost Marshal Cunningham or a man of some such name – he at that time stripped & robbed. [30 March 1833]

Sam Waples

At a Board of Field Officers begun at Chesterfield february 10th 1781 by order of Major General Baron Steuben for the purpose of arranging the Virginia line Agreeably to the foregoing rules the following Officers became supernumerary either by choice or Juniority [being younger than another officer in the same regiment of the same rank]

Colonels	{William Heath [William Heth BLWt1064-500] {Abraham Buford [S46372]	} } Juniority
Lieut. Colo. Comm[andan]t	{William Darke [BLWt598-500] {Levin Joins [Levin Joynes BLWt1163-500] {Burges Ball [BLWt252-500]	} } Juniority }
Lieut. Colonels	{John Webb [BLWt2052-450] {Richard Taylor [S46514] {Richard C Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson W1356]	} } Juniority }
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	{William Epps [William Eppes VAS1282]	}
Capt Lieutenant	{John Crittenden [R13465]	} Choice
	{Arthur Lind	}
True extracts from the Chesterfield arrangement of 10 th February 1781 filed in this Office		
	Jas E Heath aud/ Aud Off Feb 1834	

This paper is filed for the purpose of showing that Supernumeraries have rec'd add'l. land Bounty. By reference to Mr Smiths report as to those who have rec'd lands it will be found that all the within named Supernumerary Officers excepting Webb Bruin Eppes & Lind have rec'd lands for services over 6 yrs although they became Sup'y Feby 1781.

NOTES:

The federal file includes a copy of the following entry from the family register certified by Edward B. Waples and Mary Robertson: "Samuel Waples and Sabra P. Scarbrough were married by Elder Thomas Walters on Tuesday the 20th day of August 1822 at the house of Thomas Sturgis to the great satisfaction of the said Sam'l. Waples & it is his request the above minute is to remain here untouched."

The online rejected claims file also includes a misfiled document pertaining to John Ward W8974.