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The Americans had encouraged the prisoners to switch sides ... Handbills in German that circulated among the prisoners contained the text ... The act explained the noble cause of the revolution and promised free land to any German soldier who would join the American cause.”

— Clovis E. Linkous, p. 16

The vast majority of forced African-American migrants from Virginia came from the regions east of the Blue Ridge, where most slaves lived and where, in some counties, the labor glut in slaves had begun even before the Revolution.”

— Phillip D. Troutman, p. 26

I sewed for nearly everyone in the county. ... Used to get threads out of old garments. That’s what I learned to sew with. Couldn’t always get spool thread then. ...

“Man used to tell his wife something, his wife would believe everything. And they’re not believing now. They’re thinking for themselves.”

— Malissia’s Sayings, pp. 52, 53

After fifteen arduous years, the Shenandoah Valley Railroad was completed on June 19, 1882 ... With the assistance of the Pennsylvania Railroad in its early years and with the financial, management, and construction support of E. W. Clark and Company from 1879, the SVRR had won the battle to create a north-south railroad through the Valley of Virginia ...”

— John R. Hildebrand, p. 85