

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Valentine VAS1955

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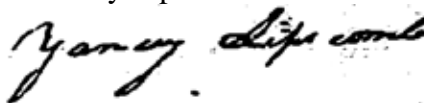
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby certify that John Valentine of the County of King William, State of Virginia, enlisted in the year 1777 under Richard Crump in the State Artillery and served till the year 1780, when he was discharged. – I was a first Lieut. in the same Regiment with the said Valentine and knew him very well – he is now a near neighbor of mine. Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812

S/ Yancey Lipscomb<sup>1</sup>



[Attested in Hanover County Virginia June 11, 1812]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] King William County legislative petitions

The Petition of John Valentine of the County of King William, most respectfully represents to the General Assembly of Virginia, that he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the year 1777, for the term of three years, under Capt. Richard Crump in the state Regiment of artillery commanded by Col. Charles Marshall [sic, Thomas Marshall?], that upon the division of the Regiment he was assigned to that part which was stationed at Fort Nelson [at the Falls of the Ohio River, now Louisville] under Col. Matthews where he continued until the Fort was burned by the British, after which he was stationed in Portsmouth, until the spring of 1780, when the different parts of the aforesaid Regiment were again United at Williamsburg, from whence they were marched to Charleston South Carolina under the command of Col. Edmunds (the said Col. Matthews having resigned) – that he was marched on to Salisbury from thence he was sent back to Hillsboro, where he remained until he was discharged, which was on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1780 by Major Mazarett by order of Col. Charles Marshall having served about three years – Your petitioner further represents, that he is now sixty-seven years old, that he has been for the last twenty-five years entirely incapable of doing any work whatever for a support, from a severe and continued attack of the rheumatism – that frequently he is unable to get out of bed and but seldom enabled to walk. Your petitioner further represents, that he is extremely poor, that the only property he possesses is about one hundred acres of the poorest

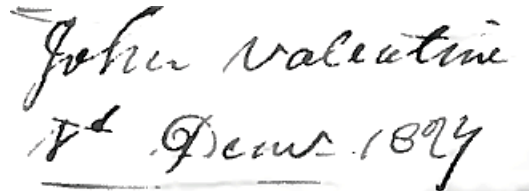
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<sup>1</sup> [Yancey Lipscomb 874-050103](#)

land in the County of King William – that he has no slaves to work it, and that the little that he derives from it, is solely from the labor of one of his sons, upon whom devolves the entire care and support of your petitioner; and that but for the charity of some of his neighbors, he should have been destitute frequently of the common necessaries of life. –

Your petitioner further represents that one of his sons, about thirty years of age, was about five years past, taken with the disease with which he is afflicted, and has since been confined to his bed in the house of your petitioner, also dependent upon his other son who resides with him, for support. Your petitioner prays that your Hon. body will grant him an annual allowance or pension for the remainder of his life (which cannot be long) – or so much as his services may be considered to demand, and also permitting for his immediate, or present relief – and your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ John Valentine  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1727

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Valentine" followed by "8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1727" on a separate line. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Reverse]

John Valentine's petition  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1827  
Referred to Claims  
1827 December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Laid on table  
1828 January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rejected  
5 Reported

King William County 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1827

I John Valentine do hereby certify that sometime in the year 1777 I enlisted for the term of three years under Capt. Richard Crump in the state Regiment of artillery commanded by Col. Charles Marshall, the Regiment was divided into three parts, one stationed at York, another at Hampton in the third commanded by Col. Matthews at Fort Nelson, where I continued until the Fort was burnt by the British, after which our party was stationed at Portsmouth until the spring 1780 when the three parties composing the Regiment joined at Williamsburg in order to proceed to Charleston to reinforce it and Col. Matthews resigned and Col. Edmunds took the command and marched directly to Charleston South Carolina but after passing Salisbury a council of war was held in the officers believing they had more artillery than was needful sent Major Mazarett back to Hillsboro North Carolina with about six field pieces one ammunition wagon and all the soldiers whose time would be out in August of which I was one, & I continued at Hillsboro until I was discharged which was the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1780 by Major Mazarett by orders of Col. Charles Marshall.

Given under my hand the day and date above written.

S/ John Valentine

*John Valentine*

[Attested in King William County Virginia December 3, 1827]