

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

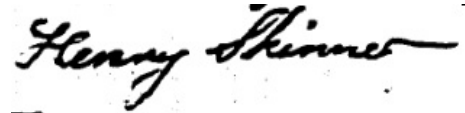
Virginia documents pertaining to Benjamin Lassiter and Dempsy Lassiter VAS3936  
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Dempsy Lassiter is indexed as Lassiter, Dempsey.]

Affidavit of Henry Skinner [S7521]. The Affiant being duly sworn sayeth, that he is now seventy-four years of age, that he was a militia soldier in the war of the revolution, that he then lived and now lives in Nansemond County, Virginia; that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Lassiter and Dempsy Lassiter enlisted for three years in the Virginia Continental Army in the early part of the revolutionary war, and went away to the north either with Capt. Jason Riddick or with Capt. Willis Riddick, (he thinks with the latter as they lived immediately in his neighbourhood) and that the said Benjamin and Dempsy Lassiter were both killed or died in service.

The affiant verily believes that they were both killed in service, because he has often heard Timothy Brantum [Timothy Brantum VAS2621], a soldier who enlisted at the same time and went away with them say that they were killed in service, but does not now recollect at what battle; the affiant has also heard the father of the said Benjamin and Dempsy Lassiter say they were killed in service, and has also heard a younger brother Moses say the same thing, and this has always been the general belief of the neighbourhood. The affiant has said, that the said Benjamin and Dempsy Lassiter enlisted for three years, because he heard at the time they went away, and this was the general belief, that they did enlist for three years, and he has frequently heard Timothy Brantum, a soldier who went away with them and returned, (Brantum died in this county only a few years ago,) say that they did enlist for three years.

[8 July 1833]



Affidavit of Jeremiah Peale [W5521].

The affiant being duly sworn sayeth, that he is now seventy seven years of age, that he was a militia soldier in the war of the revolution that he then lived and now lives in Nansemond County, Virginia; that he knew Benjamin Lassiter and Dempsy Lassiter of said County & state; that the said Benjamin and Dempsy Lassiter enlisted for three years in the Virginia Continental line about twelve months after the war commenced and went away to the north and were killed or died in service; that they were killed in service has always been the belief of the neighbourhood from which they went and their relations generally. The affiant lived at that time and now lives in the neighbourhood from which they went, and verily believes that they did enlist for three years, because he saw the said Benjamin Lassiter after he had enlisted and heard him say that he and his brother Dempsy had enlisted in the army for three years and were going to the north. And the affiant further sayeth that they did go and that they never returned.

