

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Jonathan Langdon VAS 828

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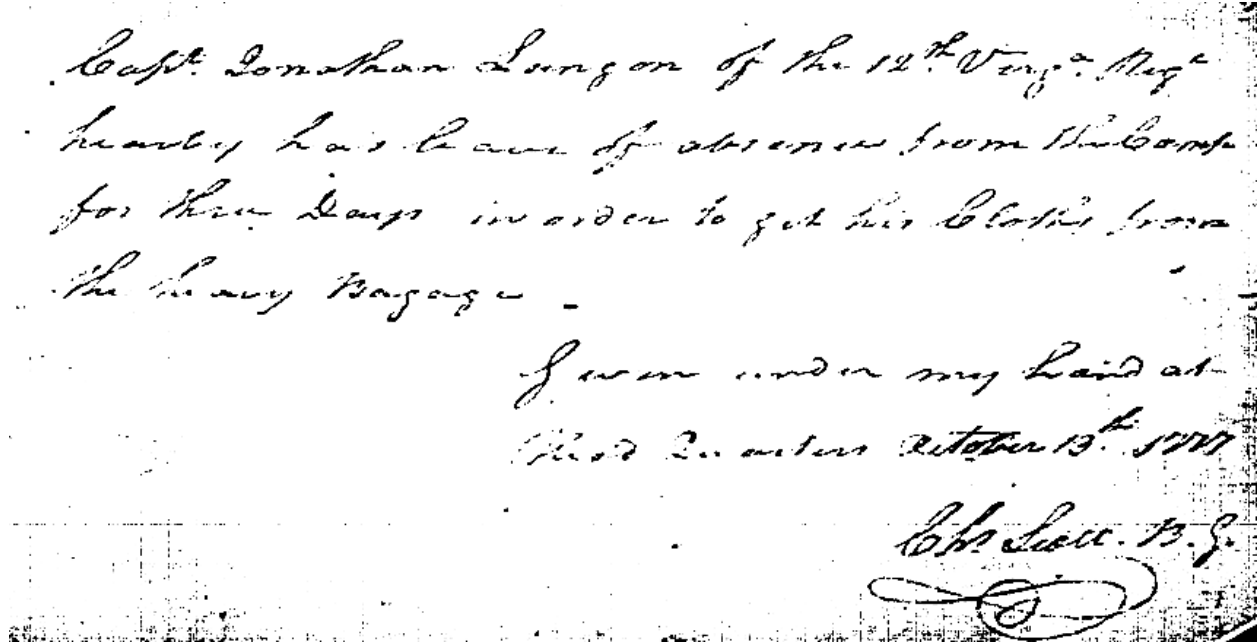
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Capt. Jonathan Langon [sic] of the 12th Virga Regt hearby has leave of absence from the Camp for three Days in order to get his Cloths from the heavy Bagage.

Given under my hand at Head Quarters October 13, 1777

S/ Chs. Scott, B. G.



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It appears by the books in this Office that a Certificate issued on the 19th of November 1785 for Eighty two pounds 12 shillings in the name of Jonathan Langdon being for balance of his full pay as a Capt. in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment.

Auditor's Office

30 [indecipherable] 1811

S/ John Shepherd [??]

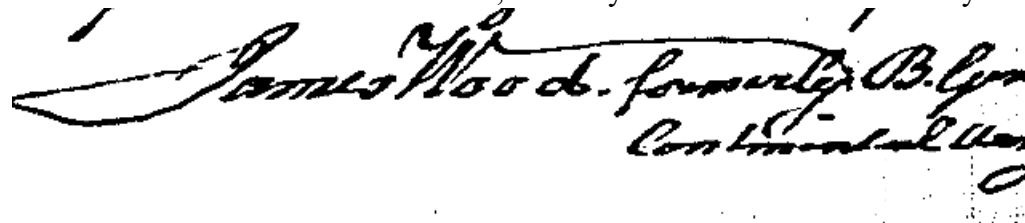
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I do hereby Certify that Jonathan Langdon Esquire was appointed a Captain in the 12th Virginia

Regiment on Continental establishment under my Command; in the month of December 1776, he was with me in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] in 1777 – and behaved as a Brave Man, how long after that Period he continued in service, I am not able to say with any degree of Certain date; but am inclined to think, and verily believe that he became a supernumerary at the Reduction of the Regiments in September 1778.

Given under my hand this 29th November 1811

S/ James Wood, formerly B. Genl. Continental Army

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Wood, formerly B. Genl. Continental Army". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of Jonathan Langdon – Captain C. L.

This officer's name is on the Army register. He received £82.12 the balance of his full pay, as a Continental Captain for a service from January first to November 20th 1777 (see auditors Certificate)

The certificate of Brigadier General James Wood – states that Jonathan Langdon was appointed Captain in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in December 1776 – that he was in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown in 1777 & behaved well – General Wood did not know certainly how long after that the said Langdon continued in service, but was inclined to think & verily believed that he became supernumerary at the reduction of the Regiments, in September 1778.

Jacob Hendricks¹ – a revolutionary soldier, 89 years old, and said to be respectable, has given to affidavits he says that he enlisted in 1777, as he thinks, in Captain Langdon Company of the 12th Virginia Continental Regiment – that he served in said company nearly two years & left it – that when he left the Company Captain Langdon was in command, & that he continued in service about two years, after the witness left the Company – making his service, in all, about 4 years. In one of this witness's affidavits, he says, after he was discharged from the 12th Regiment – Captain Langdon, he believes, served one year, or more, the precise time not remembered. In the other affidavit he says that Captain Langdon continued in service about two years after he the witness left the Company –

John Sehorn, says – that he was in service with Captain John Langdon, "through a considerable part of the Revolutionary War" – and believes that he served upwards of three years.

Randolph Lackley [Sasseen] [?]– knows that Captain Langdon enlisted a company in 1776 or the first of 1777, and kept them sometime, at his own expense, at his house in Shenandoah County –, that the said Langdon was in the service of the United States, from 1776 or 1777 to the latter part of 1780, when he became disabled to perform military duty – that he was a brave & meritorious officer. (This witnesses said to be credible.)

Thomas Palmour [Thomas Palmore]– a Revolutionary Soldier, and a credible witness –

¹ Sic, Jacob Kendrick FPA R5863

says – that he was in service with Captain Langdon more than three years – he became acquainted with him in the year 1777 – They were in the Battles of Brandywine & Germantown together – That Langdon was then Captain; and a brave officer –

James Price² – a Revolutionary Soldier, and respectable witness, says – he enlisted in Captain John Langdon's Company in the year 1777 – and served three years in it – that he was in the battle of Brandywine – Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and Germantown – that when he was discharged, he left Captain Langdon in service – that he was a brave officer.

I have in the printed list of officers &c No. 2 – reported Captain John Langdon as appearing "to have been but a short time in service, and not entitled to land." This report was made on the evidence of public documents alone.

The testimony of respectable witnesses seem to supply the deficiency of evidence of public documents.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c
May 19th 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

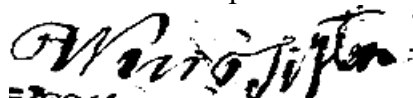
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State of Tennessee Blount County: Personally appeared before me Isaac Wright one of the Acting Justices of the Peace for said County William Tipton³ a respectable witness aged seventy-three years, deposeth and says that during the revolutionary war he lived in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia, was personally acquainted with Captain Jonathan Langdon of the line of the Virginia Regiment. Said Langdon was commissioned a Captain under General James Wood and entered the service of the United States in the month of December 1776 and continued to serve in said Army Regiment till in the year 1778 at which time the reduction of the regiments took place and from what he knew and understood, said Langdon was transferred to the eight Regiment, and continued in service until the latter part of the year 1780 at which time he the said Langdon became disabled to do military duty on account of a broken leg, and was furloughed to return to service as soon as he was able, This affiant saw said Langdon in service and on his way home, he supported the character of a brave and meritorious officer, and as affiant has understood died in the County of Jefferson in the State of Tennessee, and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 2nd day of September 1834

S/ Isaac Wright, JP

S/ Wm Tipton



[p 27-28: divided image document—use with care]

State of Tennessee Jefferson County

This day personally appeared before me Joel R. Denton one acting Justices of the Peace, in and for Jefferson aforesaid William Cornwell⁴ a reputable witness aged eighty-two years who being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposith and saith that during the

² [James Price R8465](#)

³ [William Tipton S295](#)

⁴ Probably the same man as [William Cornwell S21125](#)

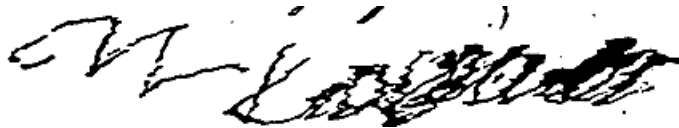
Revolutionary War he lived in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, was himself a Private in the State or Militia service against the Common enemy, that in the year 1778 he became acquainted with Captain Johnathan Langdon, in the Service of the United States in the Continental line of the State of Virginia (he does not know what Regiment) at that time he was in service near Richmond Virginia, he saw him at different and repeated periods during that year, and in the service of and in the Service of and in the service of his Country as a Captain had the command of a company.

And in the year 1779, this affiant Served two tours of duty as a Private in State or Militia service, and did not see or Know any more of said Langdon during that period, and afterwards to wit in the latter part of the year 1780, this affiant with several others volunteered and left home with the intention to soon [?] Genl. Morgan against the British, and after several days March had [?] found that it was impossible to accomplish our object, without a very great [indecipherable word] of loosing [sic] our lives, this affiant with his Companions, included to return home and on their way home, this affiant Saw Captain Johnathan Langdon and recognized him as the same person he had seen in service before near Richmond Virginia, he had a broken leg, which this affiant then understood had been broken a few days before, and while he was in service, which was in the month of December 1780. Captain Langdon regretted much his situation, & said he would return to the Service so soon as he was able he supported a good character and died in the County of Jefferson some years since.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 3rd day of March 1834.

S/ Joel R Denton, JP

S/ W Cornwell



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State of Tennessee Cocke County

This day personally appeared before me John J Howell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Jacob Kendrick a respectable Witness aged eighty-nine years – & who is also a citizen of the County & State aforesaid – who being duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he was enlisted in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia for three years in the 12th Regiment in the Continental establishment of Virginia commanded by Captain Johnathan Langdon the day month not now recollected but thinks it was about the year 1777 that said Regiment was commanded by General Woods [James Wood]– this deponent saith that he continued & served in Captain Langdon's Company for near two years – when this deponent was taken Sick and was furloughed until his health should be returned – at that time he left Captain Johnathan Langdon in command – & who continued in the service about two years – [indecipherable word] left his Company making the term of his Service about four years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2nd day of December 1833

S/ Jacob Kendrick

S/ John J Howell, JP



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State of Tennessee Jefferson County

This day personally appeared before me William Gillreath one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson and State aforesaid, James Price, a respectable Witness, aged Eighty years, who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Saith, that he enlisted in the Service of the United states, under Captain Johnathan Langdon in the year 1777, at Strawburgh [sic] in Shenandoah County Virginia, for three years in the Virginia Continental establishment in the 12th Regiment and that he fought at Battles of Germantown, Monmouth and Brandywine, was Commanded at those places by General Woods or Stow [?]⁵, not certain which. That he continued in service three years –until the term of his enlistment expired, and was discharged. This Deponent states that Captain Johnathan Langdon was his Captain from the time he joined the service until he was discharged, and he left him still in service When he was discharged – and this Deponent states that the Conduct and behavior of the said Captain Johnathan Langdon while in service was of the most Meritorious and further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 10th day of
December 1833

S/ James Price



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State of Tennessee Cocke County

This day personally appeared Thomas Palmore Senr. a respectable witness aged 74, before me Carter Talley one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Cocke aforesaid, who being duly Sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and Saith, That he became acquainted with Captain Johnathan Langdon in the year 1777 in the Town of Williamsburg and Little York in Virginia then in the recruiting service in the Virginia Continental line – This affiant states that he was himself a Private in the Revolutionary War, was not in the same Regiment with Langdon. Was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, where the said Johnathan Langdon was also & who had command of a company. The Said Langdon fought bravely & behaved well – This affiant States that he was a companion in arms with the said Johnathan Langdon in the Revolutionary war for more than three years, this affiant removed from Virginia to Cocke County Tennessee, where he met with his old friend Captain Johnathan Langdon – who had removed from Virginia to Jefferson County where he lived & died & further saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed
January 1834

S/ Carter Talley, JP

S/ Thomas Palmore



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Addendum to Jonathan Langdon VAS 828

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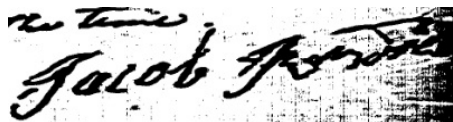
[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Tennessee }

Cocke County }

This day being the 11th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty; personally appeared before me Wm. B. Hutson an acting Justice of the peace in and for said county Jacob Kindrick [sic] aged 87 years, and states that he was a soldier of the 12th Regiment of the Virginia line of the Continental Army of the Revolution. that he continued in said regiment near two years and that Captain Jonathan Langdon was a Captain in said regiment during the time of his service therein, that is to say a little short of two years – That after this affiant was discharged from the 12th Reg't. the said Langdon he believes served a year or more, the precise time this affiant cannot remember. Sworn to and subscribed the date first aforesaid.

Affiant further states that during the time above mentioned Capt Langdon had, while in service, his leg broken by the fall of his horse as affiant was informed at the time.



State of Tennessee }

Jefferson County }

This day personally appeared before me John Gass one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the County of Jefferson & state aforesaid Randolph Sasseen a reputable witness, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that he was personally acquainted with Captain Jonathan Langdon of the Revolutionary army, in the Continental establishment of Virginia, Said Langdon in the winter of 1776 & early part of the year 1777 enlisted a company of men in the Regular service & kept them for some length of time at his own house in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia, and at his own expense and from what I know and has understood, said Langdon was in the service of the united states as an Officer from 1776 or 1777 to the latter part of the year 1780 when he became disabled to do military duty, on account of an accident which happened to him [illegible word] turning his horse suddenly, he fell, & got his leg broke – he was always after a cripple. Said Langdon always supported the character of a brave & meritorious Officer and died in the County of Jefferson & state aforesaid about fourteen years ago 13 March 1834

Sworn to & subscribed Randolph Sackley

John Gass AJP

