

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lanham VAS834

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

I do hereby Certify that John Lannum [sic] Soldier in the Second Virginia Detachment has received no pay for his Eighteen months Service in said Detachment

Given Camp Round O this 3rd day of January 1782

S/ John Hackley Lt. P. M.

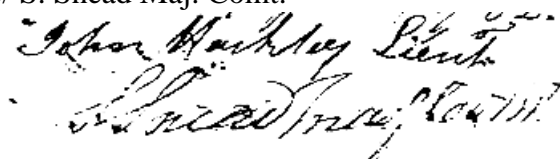
[indecipherable]

The Bearer hereof John Lannum Soldier in the Second Virginia Detachment and in Lt. Hackley's Company having served during Eighteen months being the term for which he was engaged is hereby discharged from the said Detachment in which we Certify he has behaved as a brave and faithful Soldier

Given Camp Round O this 3rd day of January 1782

S/ John Hackley, Lietu.

S/ S. Snead Maj. Comt.

Handwritten signatures of John Hackley and S. Snead. The signature of John Hackley is written in cursive and appears to be "John Hackley Lietu." The signature of S. Snead is also in cursive and appears to be "S. Snead Maj. Comt."

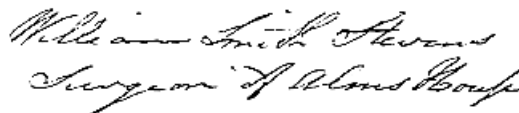
The Bearer John Lanham has been in the Alms House for some time past in order to have a Ball extracted from him which he received in an action before Camden in 1781.¹

S/ William Smith Stevens

Surgeon of Alms House

Charleston South Carolina

Augt. 4th 1788

Handwritten signature of William Smith Stevens, Surgeon of Alms House. The signature is written in cursive and appears to be "William Smith Stevens Surgeon of Alms House".

¹ very probably a reference to the battle known as the Second battle of Camden or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781

I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that John Lanham aged about 25 years, late a private in a detachment of the Virginia line commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States by a wound in his left side, which has rendered his leg and thigh almost useless; and that he is allowed the sum of Eighteen pounds yearly from the first of January 1786 –

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 2nd day of September 1788

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph

Oct 1788
Edm: Randolph



[Order dated November 4, in 1788 from the Prince William County Court ordering the sheriff to draw the funds necessary to pay John Lanham his pension. The last document relating to a payment of this pension to this veteran is dated 1791. Presumably he died in that year or was pronounced no longer disabled from earning his living.]