

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lapsley VAS837

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

[p 6]

Lieut. Lapsley of 5th Regiment put on pension List at half pay during disability – August 4, 1785

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10 July 1809 [? Morgan died in 1802—this must be a copy]

Lieut. John Lapsley of the 7th Virginia Regiment was detached with me in the Rifle Corps on the 10th day of June in the year 77 and continued in said Corps until the July following during which time he was in several engagements where he behaved with prudence and encourage. In one of the engagements he received a wound in his arm, which occasioned him to leave the service.

S/ Danl Morgan
Colo.

NB

Mr. Lapsley joined me after he got partly well of his wound and was of great service to me, when the enemy retreated through the Jersey in reconnoitering them.

[p 11]

At the request of the Executive I have examined the wound of Lieutenant John Lapsley, which was received the 7th day of December 1777 under the Command of General Morgan (then Colonel) at Edge Hill [PA] – find that a Ball has passed through the left elbow, which has produced a perfect ankylosis: that the arm is considerably withered & diminished in size, [indecipherable word], which must render him unable to Labor freely though he is not deprived of the total use of it.

Richmond July 29th 1785

S/ W. Foushee

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On examination of John Lapsley who appears to be about thirty-four years of age, find that a Ball has entered the left arm a little above the Elbow, that the bone has been considerably injured & the perfect anchylosis of the Joint in consequence thereof – the Limb is [indecipherable word] withered & that arm greatly disabled from the above Injury – that can be no doubt of considerable disability to support himself by hard labor only.

S/ W. Foushee

October 25th, 1787

[p 13: in a document which is only partly legible and which appears to be dated and October 1787 by Alexander McClanachan, Late Col. of the 7th Virginia Regiment, he appears to certify that John Lapsley entered the Continental Army as an Ensign in a company the commanding officer of which is named but cannot be discerned by me; that company was in the 7th Virginia Regiment; that he entered the service sometime in July 1776 and continued in said service until May 1778 & that in November 1777 Lapsley received a wound in his arm in an action at White Marsh.]

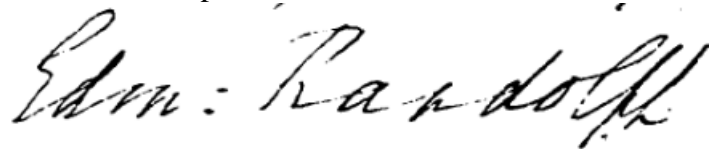
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I do with the advice of the Privy Council hereby certify that Mr. John Lapsley, aged about 34 years, late Lieutenant in the 7th Virginia Regiment, whose pay was at the rate of £96 per annum, was disabled in the Service of the United States by a musket ball that entered the left arm a little above the Elbow, injured the bone and occasioned the limb to wither; And that he is allowed the Sum of Forty Pounds yearly to commence from the first day of January 1786.

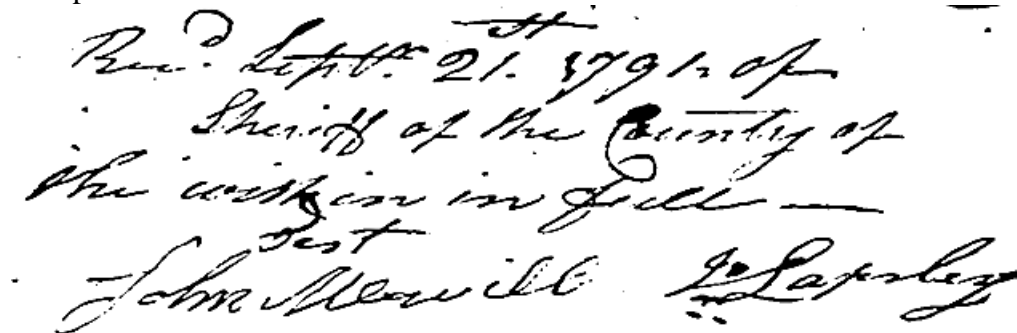
Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond the 26 day of October 1787.

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph



[Note: a number of the documents in the file indicate that the pension due the veteran was administered through the County Court of Botetourt Virginia and was dispensed through the Sheriff of said County through 1791. In Sept. of 1791 the veteran gave the Sheriff the following receipt:



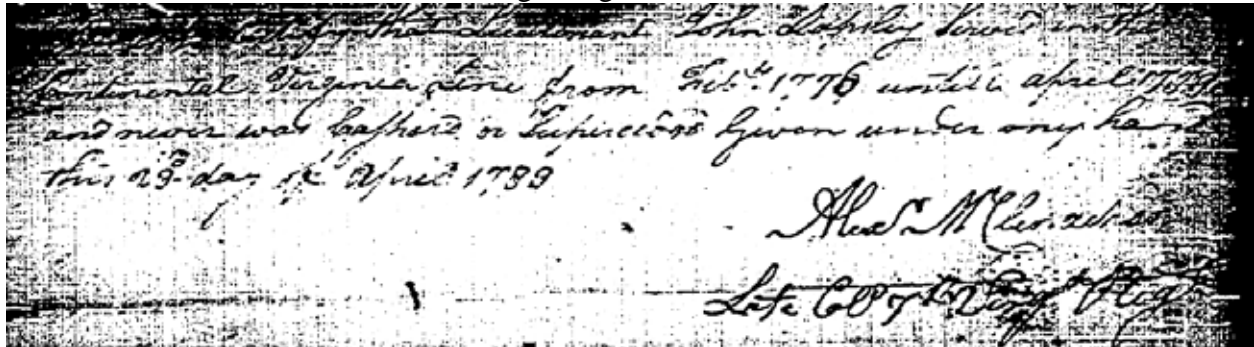
Rec^d Sept^r 21. 1791 of
Sheriff of the County of
the within in full —
Test
John Maxwell J. Lapsley

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

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant John Lapsley served in the Continental Virginia line from February 1776 until April 1779 and never was Cashiered or Superseded. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1783

S/ Alex^r McClanachan

Late Colo. 7th Virga. Regt.



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