

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lightfoot VAS919

vsl 6VA

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

### Petition for bounty land

Captain John Lightfoot

This officer's name has not been found on the Army Register or Rolls of officers &c

The evidence offered in support of the claim is unsatisfactory – It is as follows – to wit – a certificate of Edward Power that John Lightfoot was in the first Indian War, as Captain –

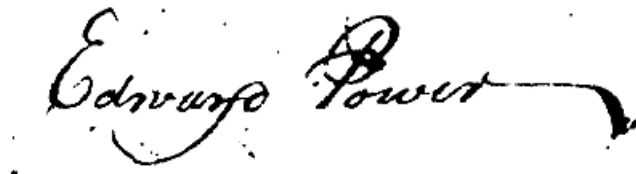
The affidavit of James Bingley that Lightfoot was said to have been an officer in the Revolutionary war, and was called Captain after the war –

The affidavit of Rebecca Buffin who states "with certainty" that John Lightfoot was and Officer of the Revolutionary Army, and served more than three years. She lived in his neighborhood & [one or more indecipherable words] was her cousin – which circumstance [several indecipherable words]

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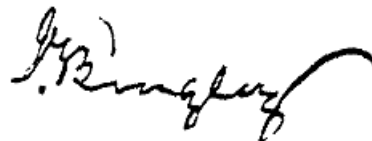
I do hereby Certify that John Lightfoot of James City County was a Captain in the first Indian War given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818

S/ Edward Power

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Power". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

I James Bingley do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John Lightfoot formerly of James City County and remember well that it was always said that Mr. Lightfoot had been an officer in the revolutionary war, he was after the close of that war commonly called Captain Lightfoot. In witness of the above I do set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834

S/ J. Bingley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Bingley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

I Rebecca Buffin do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Lightfoot formerly of James City County and can state with certainty that the said John Lightfoot was an officer in the revolutionary war and continued in service more than 3 years I remember these things from the circumstance of Mr. Lightfoot having lived in the neighborhood in which I lived in his wife who was a cousin of mine having gone to the camp to see him. Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1834

S/ Rebecca Buffin

[attested in the City of Williamsburg April 30, 1834]