

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Litchfield VAS951

vsl 3VA

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

I Elkanah Andrews,¹ aged 67 years & upwards do hereby certify that I was a sailor in the Virginia State Navy during the war of the revolution and served on board the State armed vessel called the "Accomack" & for my services on board that vessel a warrant for bounty land was issued in my favor: I further certify that I was well and particularly acquainted with Daniel Litchfield and that whilst I served on the Accomack as a sailor that the said Litchfield served as a midshipman on board the armed vessel called the "Diligence" which belonged to the Virginia State Navy – I further certify from my own distinct recollection of the fact, that before the "Accomack" and the "Diligence" were launched that the said Daniel Litchfield was a midshipmen in the Virginia State Navy, and that he kept guard, along with others, whilst the said vessels were being built, to prevent the enemy from burning them; and that after they were launched the said Litchfield was assigned to the "Diligence", and I do further certify that he rendered at least three years continued service in the state Navy as a midshipman – the Accomack & the Diligence were often in harbor together & from that circumstance and from my previous & subsequent personal and neighborly acquaintance with the said Litchfield I cannot be mistaken or in the least doubtful as to the nature & length of his service – he was in service before the Diligence was launched & continued in service, uninter [paper cuts off at this point at the bottom thereof]

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Accomack County to wit

This day the within named Elkanah Andrews personally before me, and the forgoing certificate being read to him by me, he made oath thereto.

Given under my hand this 20 day of July 1832

S/ Wm Riley, JP AC

¹ [Elkanah Andrews S6507](#)