

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Litchfield VAS953

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

Accomack County to wit:

I John B Hickman aged about 67 years do hereby certify and declare that at the commencement of the revolutionary war I resided in the immediate neighborhood of Thomas Litchfield, with whom I was well acquainted, he & I being played mates together; I do further declare that he enlisted as a sailor and served as such on board of one of the armed vessels of the State of Virginia, attached to the Navy thereof during the said war; the said Thomas Litchfield enlisted for 3 or 5 years, I do not now distinctly recollect which, but I know that he served regularly his term of enlistment: as a reason why I recollect this circumstance more distinctly I will state that the officer who enlisted Litchfield endeavored to persuade me to do so too, but I considered myself too young and therefore refused to do so – the vessel on board which he served was frequently in our harbors in this sure which enables me to know that he continued in service regularly – he afterwards lived & died in this County & I often met with him after the war was over. Given under my hand this first of October 1830

S/ John B Hickman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John B Hickman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical line that extends downwards from the end of the signature.

[acknowledgement cut off but given by John W. Custis, JP on October 1, 1830 I believe in Accomack County Virginia but the County does not appear in the documents in this file