

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lock [Locke] VAS958

[vsl 28VA](#)

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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

[p 3: Power of attorney dated February 1, 1819 signed by John Locke with his mark and acknowledged in Rockingham County Virginia. Locke empowers his attorney to collect the pension allowed him by the legislature of Virginia in the Session of 1817 and 1818.]

[p 5: Another power of attorney signed by the veteran with his mark this one dated November 17, 1819 and authorizing Archibald Rutherford to act as his attorney.]

[p 7: illegible document as posted]

[p 17: pension was \$100]

[p 26]

At a Court held for the County of Rockingham the first day of June in the year 1829, on the motion of John Ludwick who entered into bond for security in the County of \$200, and took the oath prescribed by law, administration of all and singular the Goods and chattels of John Locke deceased, is granted him in due form with the last will and testament of the said John Locke deceased, thereto annexed, which will was this day proved and admitted to Record

A Copy from Records

Attest

S/ H. J. Gambill, Clerk of Rockingham County

[p 27: last disbursement of \$73.60 due pensioner as of the death of his death.]

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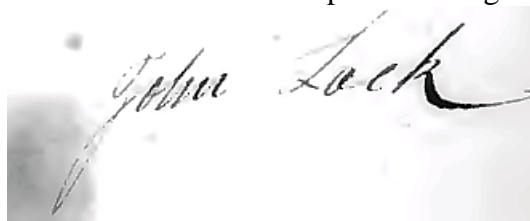
This day Sarah Sike [Syke] personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County [Rockingham] and made oath that John Lock departed this life on the 18th day of May 1829 and that he was the same John Locke who drew a Pension from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that John Ludwick of said County Administrator the said John Locke. Given under my hand this 23rd day of July 1829.

S/ Richard P Fletcher

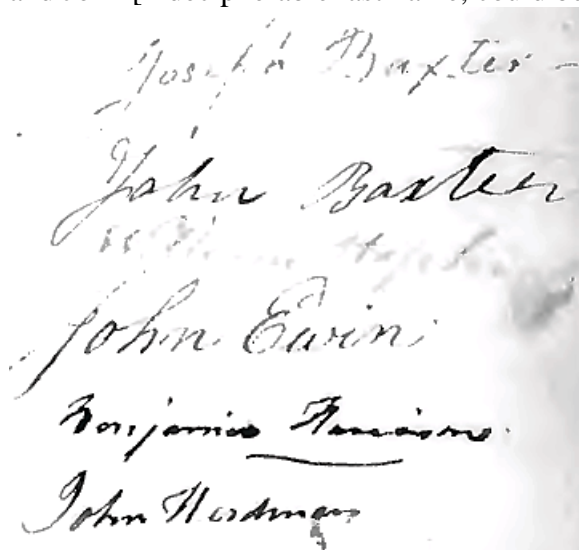
[Note: There is no substantive documentation in this file indicating why Virginia awarded this veteran a pension. All the documentation relates to the annual disbursement of the pension from 1818 until the veteran's death in 1829.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Rockingham County Legislative Papers

[Note: unfortunately the documents posted in this file like those in the files above have been posted online by images which are extremely faint and impossible to entirely decipher as posted. In his petition to the Virginia state legislature for relief compensating him for his services in the 8th Virginia Regiment, it appears that the veteran states he was taken prisoner at the capture of Charleston. That he was imprisoned by the British and suffered some illness from which he says he never recovered. His petition is signed as follows:

A close-up image of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Lock". The ink is dark and the background is light.

his petition was dated December 16, 1817. The petition was referred to the committee on Claims. It was deemed by the committee to be a reasonable petition on December 23; was reported to the general assembly and a bill was drawn January 9th 1818 for the relief of the veteran. The petition of the veteran is supported by an affidavit by citizens of the County of Rockingham. Their affidavit is dated October 22, 1817 and is signed by Joseph Baxter, John Baxter, [and illegibly faint signature], John Ewin, Benjamin Harrison, and John [indecipherable last name, could be Herdman]

A list of five handwritten signatures in cursive script, stacked vertically. From top to bottom, they are: "Joseph Baxter", "John Baxter", "John Ewin", "Benjamin Harrison", and "John Herdman". The ink is dark and the background is light.