

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas H. Lockett VAS996

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

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I Henry Bedinger of the County of Berkeley and State of Virginia aged eighty-four years do Certify that Thomas H Lockett entered the Army of the Revolution as a Volunteer Riflemen early in 1775 that we served together at the Siege of Boston, that at the time the term of one year had expired for which he was engaged, on the 10th of July 1776 said Thomas H Lockett was Commissioned a Lieutenant in Colonel Hugh Stephenson's Regiment of Riflemen, to which I also belonged, that we were both captured at the surrender of Fort Washington on York Island on the 16th day of November 1776 and detained as prisoners of War to the first day of November 1780 nearly four years and I know he was entitled [?], and rose to the rank of Captain during his Captivity, and before he being exchanged, that said Thomas H Lockett after being regularly exchanged, retired as a supernumerary officer as did many others, Subject to be called into the service, that he never was called into service thereafter. And further that said Thomas H Lockett while in active service was [an] active, efficient and good officer.

Given under my hand this 14th day of October 1837

S/ Henry Bedinger¹

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To the Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner Otho H. W. Lockett begs leave to represent that he is the sole heir of Thomas H Lockett deceased who was Lieutenant in the service of the U S in a Virginia Regiment commanded first by Colonel Hugh Stephens [sic] and afterwards by Colonel Moses Rawlins, that neither the said T. H. Lockett in his lifetime nor his heir your petitioner since his death has ever received the land bounty provided for those who performed similar services during the Revolutionary War, that he has heard and believes other officers attached to the Regiment in which the said T. H. Lockett served have long since received compensation in bounty land for their services; that your petitioner knows nothing of his own knowledge of the services of his deceased father the said T H Lockett, and therefore refers the Executive to the two depositions or affidavits of Henry Bedinger and Philemon Griffith marked No. 1 & 2 and to the public documents available in the executive Department. Your petitioner claims and asked to receive

¹ [Henry Bedinger S8059](#)

the quantity of land that may be due for the services of his said Father and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

S/ Otho H. W. Lockett
by his attorney Joseph S Watkins

[p 12 – another petition filed by Otho H. W. Lockett, but the image of it as posted online is very difficult to read and I have not tried to decipher it.]

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I Philemon Griffith² of Frederick County State of Maryland aged seventy-nine years in August next 1835 do certify & declare that Thomas H Lockett commonly called Hussey Lockett entered with myself into the Revolutionary war as early as July 1773 as Lieutenants in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Price from Fredericktown Maryland as a Declaration of friendship to the undertaking of the Bostonians where the war commenced for twelve months service marched to the seat of war and continued therein to serve in the above stated capacity through said term being in the siege of Boston in March 1776 after which came on to the City of New York where we continued out our term of service July first 1776 a Regiment now formed and raised as speedy as possible commanded by Colonel Hugh Stephenson of Virginia being a rifle Regiment, with Moses Rawlings Lieutenant Colonel & Otho Williams Major – that I was commissioned a Captain in said Regiment at its raising and Thomas H Lockett was arranged to my company in the said Regiment first Lieutenant and continued thus some short time after Colonel Stevenson died the direction of said Regiment devolved on Lieutenant Colonel Moses Rawlings [one or more words too faint to discern] command after being organized was soon thereafter ordered to the defense of Fort Washington on York Island and formed a part of the defense. That on the 16th day of November 1776 that Fort was attacked by the British forces and the Garrison compelled to surrender as prisoners of war. That the survivors in said Regiment were conducted to New York and there [indecipherable word] until sometime in January 1777 and thence conducted to graves end on long Island & there kept until exchanged, and May 1778 Philemon Griffith being then exchanged leaving Lieutenant Lockett still in confinement & where he still remained until late in the year 1780 being upwards of five years in the whole of his Services in the revolutionary war before Discharged. There from as to any adjustments with him for his services in the revolutionary war if any I do not know how or in what manner it may have been made, and further declare that Otho H. W. Lockett be one of the legal heirs to the within named Thomas H Lockett long since deceased, [text too faint to discern] this 21st day of February 1835

S/ Phil. Griffith [very faint signature]

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I Henry Bedinger of the County of Berkeley in State of Virginia now eighty-one years – do Certify and declare that Thomas H Lockett and myself both served in Volunteer Rifle Companies at the Siege of Boston in 1775 that about the expiration of the term of one year for which we had engaged we were both Commissioned Lieutenants in Colonel Hugh Stephenson's Regiment of Riflemen then Raising the soldiers were enlisted for three years, that the said Thomas H Lockett was arranged to Captain Philemon Griffith's Company and myself to Captain Shadrach Shepherd's Company, that our commissions were dated about 10th day of July 1776, that the

² FPA S8617

Companies were soon raised and marched to Bergen, the Rendezvous of the Regiment that Colonel Hugh Stephenson died in August 1776 and the Command of the Regiment devolved on Lieutenant Colonel Moses Rawlings, that in September or October 1776 this Regiment was ordered to the defense of Fort Washington on York Island, and Composed part of the Garrison, that the British forces under the command of General Howe invested said Fort, and after a severe action, on the 16th of November 1776, Compelled the Garrison to surrender by Capitulation, Prisoners of War – That the Survivors including Thomas H Lockett & myself were taken to New York, and on the 20th day of January 1777 were conducted to Graves End on Long Island, Paroled to the limits of Graves End and billeted on inhabitants, who were promised two dollars in specie per week for subsisting each officer; we were detained at Graves End as Prisoners of War, until the first day of November 1780, when a General exchange was affected, Lieutenant Thomas H Lockett & myself with the surviving Officers of said Regiment Captured at Fort Washington were then liberated, and permitted to visit their respective homes for a season – In the spring of 1781 officers of the Virginia part of said Regiment having been previously arranged to the Virginia line, were ordered to the South and generally remained in the service in that line to the end of the War – I having been separated at the period of my exchange, from the officers of the Maryland part of said Regiment, and [indecipherable word]³ to the South I know not what Military Services of said Lockett performed thereafter, this Rifle Regiment was not again [indecipherable word]⁴ or Organized, after the term of enlistment of the Soldiers was expired, but believe the Officers of the Maryland part of it were considered as supernumerary Officers. I know that Lieutenant Thomas H Lockett did not receive any monthly pay nor did any other officer from the same we were Commissioned in that Regiment, until we were captured at the Surrender of Fort Washington Say from the 10th of July 1776 to the 16th day of November 1776 except one month's pay, nor was after during our Captivity. Said Lieutenant Thomas H Lockett, and the other officers of said Regiment while prisoners, did receive some small advances in Specie, on account, with a small supply of Very flimsy Clothing during the four years of our detention; the amount in Specie to the best of my recollection was Six Guineas, at one time and twelve Guineas at another time delivered to us by Mr. Boudond [?] & a Mr. Pentard [?]⁵ Commissioners of prisoners. Our subsistence by the inhabitants was also paid – but believe all, one and additional rations allowed to Officers were withheld for this subsistence at the settlement of officers accounts by the Commissioner at the close of the War.
Sworn under my hand this 18th day of March 1835.

S/ Henry Bedinger, Captain
fifth Virginia Regiment

Henry Bedinger, Captain

[p 21: On August 11, 1837, Edmond Fitzgerald, about 69, a resident of Chillicothe, Ross County

³ *[Handwritten signature]*

⁴ *[Handwritten signature]*

⁵ *Mr. Boudond & a Mr. Pentard*

Ohio gave testimony that he was formerly a resident of Frederick County Maryland a few miles from Nolan's ferry in the County of Loudoun Virginia; that he was well acquainted with Major Thomas H Lockett about the year 1781 when Lockett returned to Loudoun County from having been imprisoned on Long Island; that Lockett continued to live in said Loudoun County until he died in 1786.]

[p 21: On August 11, 1837, Catharine Bentley, aged about 67, a resident of Highland County Ohio gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Major Thomas H Lockett formerly of Loudoun County Virginia and that Otho H. W. Lockett, of Chillicothe Ohio, is his eldest son and that she, affiant, "was at Mrs. Lockett's house during her widowhood."]