

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Lincoln R6347

Dorcas Lincoln

f46VA

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State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

On this 16 day of February 1846 personally appeared in open court before the Court of said County now sitting, Abram Lincoln, a resident of Rockingham County in the State of Virginia aged near 47 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in behalf of himself, and David Lincoln, Mary Hinton, Dorcas Strayer, Rebecca Dyer, Jacob Lincoln and Abigail Coffman, children and heirs at law of Jacob Lincoln and his wife Dorcas Lincoln deceased of said County in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836: That they are the children of Dorcas Lincoln who died in said County on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1840, aged seventy-six years ten months and ten days, who was the widow of Jacob Lincoln who died in said County on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1822 and who was a soldier an officer in service during the Revolutionary War. That the said Jacob Lincoln served as Lieutenant in two campaigns during the Revolutionary War. The first was the McIntosh Campaign. The declarant cannot state the precise period that his father entered service, but the date of this campaign is a matter of Historical record and to that he refers. The service during this Campaign is proved by the affidavit of John Henry<sup>1</sup> a revolutionary soldier residing in Jefferson County in the State of Tennessee from which it appears that the said Jacob Lincoln served three months at that time, in the capacity of Lieutenant, and the officers in command with him were Captain Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Benjamin Harris and Major Vanmeter. The tour was performed in the Western part of Virginia. The said Jacob Lincoln served a second tour in the year 1781, and during this last campaign also held the rank of Lieutenant. He marched from the County of Rockingham or that section of Virginia that is now included in said County, about the first of July and returned from service about the last of the month of October in the year 1781 serving at the time a period of about four months. He was at the siege of York and returned with his company after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] as above stated he held the rank of Lieutenant. Captain Richard Ragan [also spelled Richard Reagan] but commanded the company and the Regiment was under the command of Colonel Dark [William Darke]. For proof of this last mentioned campaign the declarant refers to the affidavit of David Ralston [pensioned under the name David Rolstone]<sup>2</sup> of Rockingham County Virginia. The Declarant would therefore state that his father the said Jacob Lincoln who was the husband of Dorcas Lincoln deceased of said County, served a period of three months in the militia of Virginia during the Revolutionary War, and held the rank of

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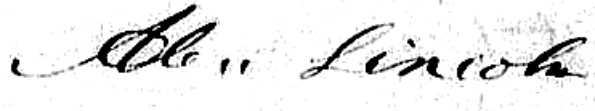
<sup>1</sup> FPA S1767

<sup>2</sup> [David Rolstone S7431](#)

Lieutenant. He might have served at other times but the declarant is unable to produce any proof of the fact. He further declares that his mother the said Dorcas Lincoln deceased was married to the said Jacob Lincoln in the month of August 1780 in the County of Rockingham, or that portion of Augusta County which is now included in Rockingham County Virginia. That the said Jacob Lincoln died on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1822. That his wife survived him and died upon the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1840, all of which will appear by the records of the family Bible now produced in open court. And that their eldest son David Lincoln was born upon the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1781. That the said Dorcas Lincoln deceased the widow of the said Jacob Lincoln deceased failed during her lifetime to draw the pension provided for her by the laws of Congress on account of the Revolutionary services of her husband. That she never intermarried after his death and that she left the following children, to wit David Lincoln, Abram Lincoln, Jacob Lincoln, Mary Hinton [could be Mary Henton] widow of William Hinton deceased and Abigail Coffman wife of Joseph Coffman of Rockingham County, Dorcas Strayer wife of John Strayer of Shenandoah County, Rebecca Dyer wife of Mathew Dyer of Pendleton County Virginia and that the foregoing declaration is made for the purpose of drawing the arrearages of pension due their mother at the time of her death.

And that the said Dorcas Lincoln remained a widow from the death of her husband Jacob Lincoln as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Ab Lincoln



[p 7: copy of the last will and testament of Dorcas Lincoln widow of Jacob Lincoln in which he names the children named in the above application and the following: son John deceased; grandson John Chrisman, son of her deceased daughter Elizabeth; grand daughter Caroline Evans daughter of her deceased daughter Hannah; granddaughter Josephine Evans also a daughter of Hannah. The widow signed her hill with her mark.]

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Rockingham County to wit:

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid David Rawlston [sic] and made oath that Colonel Dark and Captain Richard Ragan and Lieutenant Jacob Lincoln and Ensign John Peters were in service as officers during the revolution and that Captain Richard Ragan & Lieutenant Jacob Lincoln and Ensign John Peters acted as officers in the County of Rockingham and has no doubt held Commissions in said County of Rockingham the said David Ralston [sic] further states he was a private and served under said Captain Ragan , said Lieutenant Lincoln, said in some Peters  
Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> August 1846

S/ T. T. Koontz [???

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS

On this 30 day of July A.D. 1845 personally appeared before me Milton H McSpadden an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Henry aged eighty-four years a citizen of said County, a respectable witness and a United States pensioner and made oath

in due form of law that he was a Soldier in the Revolution, and that he served during the McIntosh Campaign with Jacob Lincoln who held the rank of Lieutenant.

Sworn and subscribed before me the date above mentioned.

S/ Milton H McSpadden, JP

S/ John Henry, X his mark

[p 29: Certificate dated February 19, 1846 by the clerk of court of Augusta County Virginia in which he states that he has searched the records in his office and found no evidence of the marriage of Jacob Lincoln and Dorcas Robertson.]

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State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

Affidavit of David Ralston made before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County of Rockingham

The affiant having been first duly sworn according to law deposed as follows to wit. That he will be eighty-five years old on the 20<sup>th</sup> of next October. That he is a pensioner under the law of the United States on account of his Revolutionary services. That he has resided in the County of Rockingham during his whole life and was well acquainted with Jacob Lincoln who died many years since in said County and whose widow survived him some years. The affiant served with said Lincoln during the Revolutionary War. The Company was commanded by Richard Ragan and the said Jacob Lincoln served as Lieutenant during the whole campaign.

The company marched from the County of Rockingham out the County of Rockingham about the first of March of July in the year 1781 and joined the American Army at York River in the Eastern part of Virginia and continued in service in that part of the state until after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown. The Regiment to which Lieutenant Jacob Lincoln belonged was commanded by Colonel Dark. The Company to which the affiant and the said Lincoln belonged were discharged after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and marched thence home where they arrived about the last of the month of October. The affiant cannot state anything further as to the Revolutionary services of said Lincoln he was however old enough at the time to have served several campaigns. The affiant has no personal knowledge of the marriage of said Lincoln to the woman who married him as his widow. He however knows that they lived together as husband and wife before the said Lincoln served at the siege of York. That they always had the reputation of having been lawfully married and the affiant has no doubt of the fact. The widow of said Lincoln died several years since leaving several children who are applicants for the arrearages of pension due to her before her death. The company was drafted to serve for a tour of three months and the time was reckoned [? recorded?] as commencing after the troops arrived at headquarters on York River. The time for which they were drafted had expired ten or twelve days before Cornwallis surrendered. The Company was however detained in service until after the surrender of the British when they were discharged.

S/David Ralston [David Rolston]



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State of Tennessee Jefferson County:

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 personally appeared before me Milton H McSpadden a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Henry a citizen of said

County who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth as follows to wit, that this Affiant is eighty-four years old, and was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and draws a Pension of thirty dollars per annum for his services in that War. That he served during the McIntosh campaign and that he perfectly recollects that Jacob Lincoln of Rockingham County and State of Virginia served throughout that Campaign and held the rank of Lieutenant that said Lincoln was in service three months, and the Company to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Abraham Lincoln, Colonel Benjamin Harris and Major Vanmeter.

S/ John Henry, X his mark

[Note: A letter summarizing the contents of this file indicates that the claim was rejected for failure to provide proof of service as required by the law. That strikes me as patently wrong since proof of service was sustained by two pensioners. This is a prime example of the overzealous application of the law by the Commissioner of Pensions who was J L Edwards, at that time. In my opinion, these claimants were clearly entitled to the arrearages of pension due their mother at the time of her death.]