

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Lightburn (Lightburne) R63

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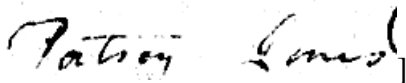
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[p 11: Power of attorney given in Scott County Kentucky and dated December 5, 1834 given by Alvan Lightburn of Georgetown Kentucky grandson and one of the heirs of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn of the Virginia State Navy

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[p 20: Power of attorney given in Scott County Kentucky and dated December 4, 1834 given by Peter Jones & Patsey Jones daughter of Lucy Jones deceased, formerly Lucy Lightburn, daughter of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn formerly of the Virginia state Navy: day of point Alvan Lightburn as their attorney.



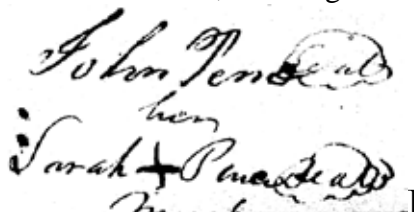
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[p 22: Power of attorney given in Scott County Kentucky and dated December 4, 1834 given by Temperance Lightburn widow & administratrix of the estate of Richard Lightburn deceased, son of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn formerly of the Virginia state Navy

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[p 26: Power of attorney given in clay County Missouri on April 1, 1833 by John Pence & his wife Sarah Pence, the daughter of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn of the Virginia state Navy

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[Note: there are no substantive documents in this file in which the services of Lt. Lightburn are described. The body of the letter summarizing the contents of the file reads in relevant part as follows.

*Richard Lightburn was commissioned (date not shown), Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy: on January 1, 1779, he was Lieutenant on the Hero Galley," and on March 13, 1779, as Lieutenant on the same vessel. He resigned his commission as Lieutenant on the Hero"on July 5, 1779, and the Hero"was then ordered dismantled as unfit for defense. His name is shown Lightburne also.*

*Lieutenant Richard Lightburn was allowed bounty land by the State of Virginia on account of the above noted service.*

*He died sometime in November 1794, in Washington, Mason County, Kentucky; the date and place of his birth, and his age at the time of his death, are not shown. Three children who survived him are shown as Richard, Lucy and Sarah; the name of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn's wife is not given.*

*The son, Richard Lightburn, died in the year 1820, in Scott County, Kentucky, survived by his wife, Temperance Lightburn, and following named children, Alvan, Richard P, Martha C, John S, Thomas C. and William L Lightburn. In 1834, said Temperance Lightburn resided in Scott County, Kentucky; her son, Alvan, resided then in Georgetown, in that County.*

*In 1834, Sarah, the daughter of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn, and her husband John Pence, were residents of Clay County, Missouri. Her sister, Lucy who married Peter Jones, was deceased; she was also of Scott County, Kentucky. Her daughter, Patsey Jones, survived her.*

*In 1834, Alvan Lightburn, the grandson, applied in behalf of the surviving heirs of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn, named above, for Virginia Half Pay which might have been due on account of his service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy, War of the Revolution. Their claim was not allowed as Lieutenant Lightburn resigned before the termination of the Revolutionary War.*

*In 1834, one John W Jones witness the signatures of Peter and Patsey Jones in Scott County, Kentucky; no relationship between them was stated.*

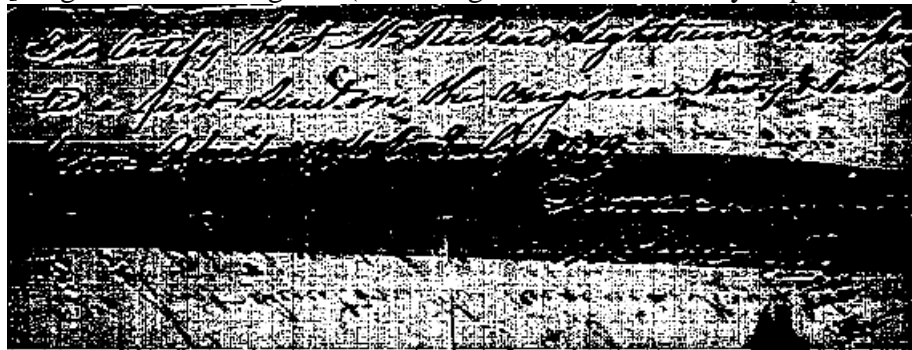
*In 1852, one Thomas C Burroughs of Norfolk, Virginia, stated that he was one of the heirs of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn of the Virginia State Navy, War of the Revolution, but he did not state the degree of relationship.*

*Note-- C old Book – Virginia Claims, Communications from Officers of the State of Virginia and General Government"pages 785, 796, 800, 805."*

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

[Illegible certificate given (according to the index card by Capt. James Markham)]



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

[p 1-illegible memorial filed by heirs of Lieutenant Lightburn.]

[Note: same powers of attorney as described above]

[pp 11-12]

Report on the claim of the heirs of Richard Lightburn deceased late a Lieutenant in the Navy of Virginia, for additional bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

Richard Lightburn was appointed by the Committee of Safety on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1776, mate, in the Navy (see Journal of the Committee of Safety). In July 1776 he was Lieutenant, on board the Schooner *Adventure* (see Council Journal of that date.) He afterwards was Lieutenant on the *Page* Galley and of the *Hero* Galley, served in that capacity until July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1779 – when he resigned his commission (see "Remnants of Minutes of the Board of War, from June 30<sup>th</sup> 1779 until April 7, 1780" – volume 1<sup>st</sup> Army Papers – page 2 of the document)

Richard Lightburn received, in June 1783, 2666 2/3 acres of [image of this page of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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...heirs now claim additional hand

... bounty of 1333 1/3, so as to make the allowance for his services 4000 acres –

...they claim also the additional boun-

...of 1/6<sup>th</sup> for every year of his service over

...years

Lieutenants, in the Navy have been generally awarded 4000 acres [of] land. Lieutenant Lightburn all to have received as much as any Lieutenant [of] the Navy. Therefore, I think his heirs should now be allowed the additional quantity of 1333 1/3 acres of land, if it has not been allowed them within the last 2 years.

The resignation of Lieutenant Richard Lightburn, in July 1779, has deprived his heirs of any benefit under the law allowing 1/6<sup>th</sup> of all former bounties in land, for every year of

service over 6 years. Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner

August 7, 1835