

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Lybrook R6540

VA

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State of Virginia }  
Giles County } SS

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared before me Ralph Lucas a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and state aforesaid John Lybrook a resident of said county aged Seventy one on the 20 nove next who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provitions made by the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

That in the spring of 1779 he was enrolled in Capt John Lucas's [pension application W5468] company and volenteered to serve against the Indians and was stationed in a garrison situated on New River at the mouth of Stoney [sic: Stony] Creek then in the County of Botetourt [sic: Montgomery] Virginia in that part that is now the county of Giles – That he entered the servis on the first day of April and served in garrison with an embodied corps or on spying parties untill the first of October That the nature of his servises was to remain in garrison for its defence in case it was attacted by the Indians and by turns to go on spying parties. That he recollects that he frequently had for his spying comrades Philip Lybrook and Hezekiah Philips [Hezekiah Phillips] – that they ranged the mountains up and down on both sides of New river

That again in the springs of 1780 - 81– and 82 he volunteered and served from the first of April untill the first of October in each year during all of which time he remained in Captain Lucas's Company That dureing these three Towers last named he served in a garrison situated on New river at the mouth of Sinking Creek – then in the county of Botetourt [sic] Virginia now the county of Giles. That the company to which he belonged was divided a part remained in garrison with him and a part was stationed a few miles lower down the river at what was then called Sniders Fort [sic: Snidow's Fort]

That the nature of his servis was as named in his first tower. That he frequently went on spying parties and reconnoitered the countary watching for Indians. That he endured all the hardships of Indian hostilities – and served as he has stated dureing which time he followed no civil persuit

That previous to the time for which he is now claiming a pension so early as in his 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> year he volunteered under the command Captain Floyed [sic: John Floyd] and Col [William] Preston and served in Prestons Garrison at Smithfield [now Blacksburg] in Montgomery County Virginia and was in servis six month which he here only names to show that he was early engaged in the most perilous warfare in defence of his countary

[The following are answers to numbered interrogatories prescribed by the pension office.]

1<sup>st</sup> he was Born in the state of Pensylvania in the year 1763

2<sup>d</sup> he has his name recorded in a Bible 3<sup>d</sup> he lived in that part of Botetourt county that is now Giles Virginia where he has lived ever since the revolutionary war and do yet live

4<sup>th</sup> Volunteered 5<sup>th</sup> he new no higher officer to command than the Captain whom he has named in his declaration that he served under – Preston was their Colonel but he never knew him to attend the garrisons

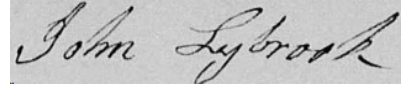
6 he never received a written discharge

7<sup>th</sup> the Rev Isaac Scott and [Robert] Lumpkin [are neighbors who could testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services]

he can support his declaration by the evidence of Col Christian Snidow [pension application S17112] and Jacob Snidow [R9903]

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Ralph Lucas JP

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lybrook".

NOTES:

The following letter is in the claim of Jacob Snidow R9903, probably by the Commissioner of Pensions, James L. Edwards.

Department of War/ Pension Office/ Jan'y 14 1836

Sir [Robert Craig, House of Representatives]/ I have rec'd the declarations of Jno. Lybrook, Jacob Snidow and Isaac Chapman [R1869] and have placed them on file. On the subject of these claims I beg leave to observe that declarations in the cases of Lybrook & Snidow have been previously filed in this office, and these claims were suspended awaiting a report from Mr Singleton. The claims of the two latter were received by the Department as bad ones, and by a comparison at this time between their first and second declarations, this opinion is from the discrepancies that appear fully justified. The claim of Mr Chapman appears to be of the same character; all claiming for service in Western Va. as Indian Spys. These are therefore disallowed I have the honor to be

The Mr. Singleton referred to above was the US Attorney, Washington G. Singleton, who investigated numerous pension applications in western Virginia. As a result of this investigation Singleton and Edwards decided that service against Indians on the frontier would not be considered military service, even though Capt. John Lucas was a lawfully commissioned officer of the Montgomery County Militia. As discussed in my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111), this decision appears contrary to the letter of the 1832 Pension Act and Edwards's own regulations for administering it.