

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lipscomb Norvell¹ S5835

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution" approved on the 15th day of May 1828, I Lipscomb Norvell of Nashville in the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line.

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate Commonly called a commutation certificate for a sum equal to the amount of 5 years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22nd of March 1783, instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3rd day of March 1826 no money, having never been on the Pension list.

S/ Lipscomb Norvell²

[James Walker & Moses Noble gave an affidavit that the veteran is generally reputed to have been an officer in the Army of the revolution.]

Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
July 26, 1828

Lipscomb Norvell of Nashville in the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period he was a Lieutenant in the 3rd regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, ~~nothing dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of~~ —

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

¹ BLWt1599-200—Lieut. Issued Oct. 26, 1795 No papers Name spelled Norvel

² I do not believe this is the actual signature of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the document itself.

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
30th July 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to Lipscomb Norvell in the Virginia line, amounting to 1600 dollars.

It further appears that Lipscomb Norvell is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 at the rate of ___ per month.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[f p. 8: On March 2, 1843 in Davidson County Tennessee, James Walker, executor of the estate of Lipscomb Norvell, deceased, filed a claim that the deceased was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that the deceased lived in Davidson County for the space of about 15 years before his death; that previous to that time he lived in the state of Kentucky and Virginia; that the veteran died March 2, 1843 in Davidson County Tennessee leaving no widow but survived by the following children: John, Lipscomb, Moses, Joseph, William, Thomas, Caleb C., Mary Walker (formerly Mary Norvell) and one grandchild William Norvell son of Joshua Norvell; that the affiant has been informed that the deceased served as a paymaster as well as Lieutenant in the Virginia line.



This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 11th day of March 1783, in the name of Lipscomb Norvell, as a Lieutenant & Pay Master for £217.14.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. To wit, as P Master from 1st January to 9th September 1778 and as Lieutenant from 9 September '78 to 31st December 1781.

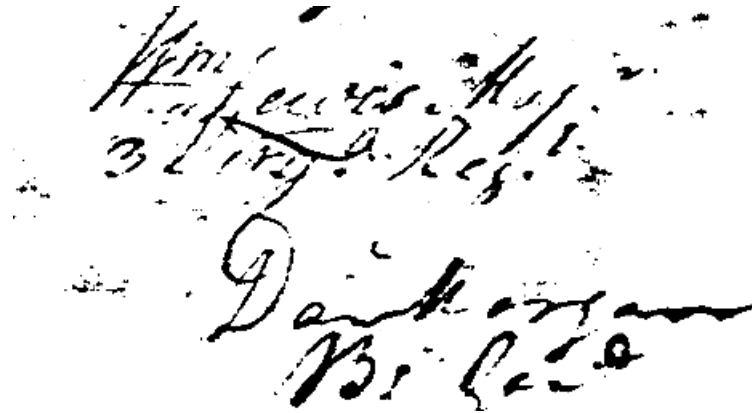
Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
1st day of October 1846.
S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$375.33 [increased to \$425] per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant & paymaster in the Virginia service; 15 months and 21 days as a Lieutenant and 9 months and 8 days as a paymaster.]

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

We do certify that Lieutenant Lipscomb Norvell of 3rd Virginia Continental Regiment has been constantly in service from the 9th of September 1778 till this present April 7th 1783

S/ Wm Lewis, Majr.
S/ Dan Morgan
B. Genl.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Morgan" followed by "B. Genl." below it. The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

Mr. James Taylor Danville (K) September 29th, 1807

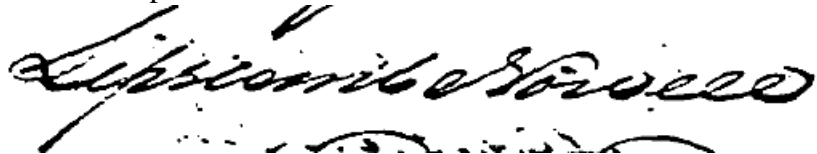
Sir/

I am just now informed by Captain Craddock that it is possible I may be entitled to an addition bounty of land as an Officer in the Revolutionary war, & advised my writing to you on the subject, & send an order, such as was contained in your letter to him. In compliance there with have now addressed you & subjoined the requisite order.

I started as a Cadet with Major William Mosby (now living near Richmond) in March (I think) 1777 was inoculated near Dumfries – he not having his Health, returned & I proceeded on with others who had recovered from the Small Pox, & joined the Army I think in June, in quality of Cadet in the 5th Virginia Regiment, of which Mosby was a Captain at that time – no probability of a vacancy appearing, I became Clerk to the Commissary of G. Green's Division in August & continued until I received the appointment of Pay master to said 5th Virginia Regiment sometime in the following Winter & so continued until regimental staff were to consist of Commissioned Officers agreeable to a resolution of Congress, I then obtained a Commission &c &c as I have it not with me do not recollect the time nor is it material, as, should the calculation of time be made there from Mosby (if necessary) can attest the truth of except as to the precise time of my joining the Army.

I have no objections to the terms stated in your letter to Captain C. but with him would rather sell altogether if any is obtained. You will please to let him know the success of your application on my behalf.

I am Sir
Yr Ob Servt.
S/ Lipscomb Norvell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lipscomb Norvell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted.

a warrant for 2666 2/3 acres for 3 years ending in September 1781 –
S/ Wm Rice, Regr.

I do Certify that I got acquainted with Lieutenant Lipscomb Norvell in the Army in 1777 but the

precise time I cannot recollect but it was to the Northward & we continued in service till we went to the Southward together and we were taken prisoner at Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina, May 12, 1780] that after we got exchanged with me to Virginia & both proceeded to Georgia in Colonel Posey's [probably Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Posey] detachment in 1782 and late in that year we marched the men whose times had expired to Virginia & I believe he was considered in service till the end of the War. Given under my hand this 10th day [the image of this document is cut off at the bottom of the page at this point. The notes at the top of the page indicates that the affidavit was given by Henry Moss³ late Lieutenant.]

³ BLWt1504-300