

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Lambert S8810

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 Oct 2014.

State of Virginia }
County of Bedford } SS

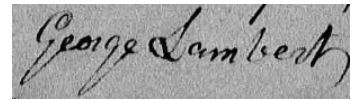
On this 24th day of December 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Bedford now sitting, George Lambert, a resident of Russell parish in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia, born in Albemarle County and state of Virginia on the 28th Oct. 1748 (O.S.) [Old Style, i.e. Julian Calendar] aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he was commissioned an ensign in the regular army of the United States in Bedford County Virginia, on the 15th August 1775, under Capt. William Campbell and Lieut. Daniel Trigg, and served in the 1st Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers to wit: Patrick Henry Colonel – William Christian Lieutenant Colonel – Francis Eppes Major – William Campbell Captain, and Daniel Trigg Lieutenant – He marched from New London, Va. [now in Campbell County], to Williamsburg. In the fall of 1775, his company commanded by Capt. Campbell, was detached and sent to great Bridge, and was in the action at that place [9 Dec 1775] under Col. [William] Woodford. He was next in the attack on upon Gwinn’s Island [sic: Gwynn Island] to drive Dunmore from thence in the summer of 1776 [July 8-10]. He served as ensign until his men’s times of enlistment expired, which was one year – when about the 1st Sept. 1776, He was appointed 1st Lieutenant, and acted in that capacity in the 2^d. Va. Regiment under Col. Woodford, in recruiting men in Portsmouth Virg’a. for Capt George Nicholas – for three months – from 1st September 1776 until 1st December following; when he returned from Portsmouth to the head quarters of the army at Williamsburg the 1st Dec. 1776 – learning that a company was about to be raised in Bedford County Virginia, for continental service, he obtained leave of General Andrew Lewis to return to Bedford County Virginia, and offered for the Captaincy of said company, to which he was elected almost unanimously (only one vote against him) and was accordingly commissioned as captain of said company in the regular service of the United States on the fourth Monday [23rd] in December 1776, which could not have fallen later in the month that the 28th. In the spring of the year 1777, his company being attached to the 14th Regiment of the Virginia line marched from New London Virginia [in present Campbell County] through Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Dumfries (Va), Alexandria, Georgetown, Bladensburg (D.C.) Baltimore, Snowden’s Iron works, Charlestown, Havre De Grace, Head of Elk [now Elkton MD], Wilmington, Chester, Philadelphia, Bristol, Trenton, Princeton, to Middlebrook, New Jersey. He served under the following named officers to wit: Gen’l. Washington, commander in chief, Nath’l. Greene [Nathanael Greene], Major Gen’l. of Division ___ [George] Weedon, Gen’l. of Brigade, Charles Lewis, Col of the 14th Regiment of Va. Line, Abram Buford [Abraham Buford] Lieut Col., and George Stubblefield Major – under the said officers he served in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. He left the service sometime in February 1780 [see endnote] – he cannot recollect the precise day. He served in the army of the United States not less than the periods mentioned below, to wit – one year ensign – three months a first Lieutenant – and three years and two months as Captain. in the whole four years & five months, for which he claims a pension. He served as captain at least three years and two months, as will appear by a patent, which issued from the General land office of the United States on the 28th Sept. 1830 in his name for 1000 acres of land in Ohio being a part of a military land warrant No. 6550. He resided in Bedford County Virginia when he entered the service of the United States, and he resided there ever since the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

George Lambert

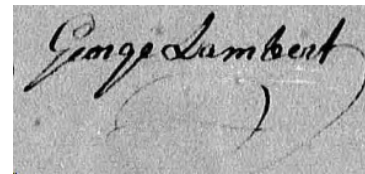
Bedford County December the 22^d 1832

Dear Sir [N. H. Claiborne, Member of Congress] I have to return you my sincere thanks for your friendly attention, upon a former occasion, and old age, and Bodily Infirmary, has disabled me attending to my own Business, Being in my Eighty fifth year. The papers thought necessary, to Enable me to draw a pension, under the act of the last Session of Congress, were sent on to Washington from August Court, and are lately returned for farther testimony. I have given now, all the Information in my power Supplementary, to the former – and a N.B. to refer to the record of my Patent in the General land office dated September 1830 as coroborative testomony – my desire is, for you to see something about it; and to write to me, directing what steps I am to take to draw a pension, it is my wish that you should draw the money and sent it to me – but I suppose there are forms to go through that I am unacquainted with – a few months, or weeks probably will deprive me of the good Intentions of Congress. I presume that you may be acquainted with some of the members of Congress where the military lands lie. The patent does not specify the County, or if any; what county it lies in there may be taxes due upon the land, and I do not know where to send, as I have no agent, or even acquaintance in the State of Ohio – if my pension could be drawn, I wish you to give me the necessary Information I am verry Respectfully yours &c &c



Dear Sir For your private Amusement and because you are a genuine Republican I transmit you the following piece of Egotism. The 1st and 2^d Virginia Regiments were rais'd in the Summer of 1775 the 3^d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th and 9th were rais'd the winter of 1775, the 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th and 15th were rais'd the winter of 1776 those 15 Regiments were rais'd upon Continental Establishment at the time they were Organised the Officers Commanding the Regiments were as follows. Patrick Henry Colo of the 1st Woodford Col 2^d Mercer Col 3^d Scott Col 4th [sic: see endnote] Dangerfield Col 5th Buckner Col 6th McClanahan Col 7th Mughlenburg Col 8th Matthews Col 9th Stevens Col 10th Morgan Col 11th Wood Col [12]th Russell Col 13th Lewis Col 14th and Mason Col of the 15 – and [page torn]

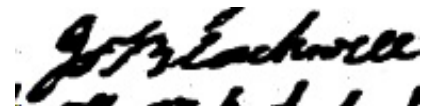
There were 3 additional Reg'ts raised afterward [page torn] time they were put on continental establishment I cannot tell Namely – Gibsons Reg't Graysons Reg't and Gist's Reg't I have wrote the above, to shew you what my memory was fifty odd years to[?] past Your Respectfully [See endnote]



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Fauquier County

I do certify that I knew Capt. Lambert of the 14th Reg't. Va. Cont. line – he served 4 or 5 years. Given under my hand this 22 July 1822.
[Joseph Blackwell S37781] late Capt 6th Va. Reg't. Cont. line



Richmond 20 August 1822.

I do certify that I was acquainted with Captain George Lambert of the 14th Virginia Regt. on Continental establishment – he served for some time I do not know precisely how long – he was the only

Capt Lambert of that Regt. or any other that I know – he was a brave man, and was highly respected and esteemed by his brother officers –

Given under my hand this day as above mentioned William Price

No Land Bounty warrant appears to have issued for the services of George Lambert in the revolutionary war.
Tho. Miller Clk/ Register Absent

Land Office/ 22 Aug. 1822

Fauquier County.

I do certify that I knew Captain George Lambert of the 14th Reg't Va. Continental line – he served 4 or 5 years – when called on in July last I did not recollect his first name – it has since been mentioned to me and I now have a distinct and perfect recollection that his name was George – Given under my hand this 30th Sept 1822.

Jo Blackwell Late Capt 6th Va. cont'l. Reg't



Richmond 15 Feb. 1823

I do certify that I knew Capt. George Lambert of the Va. Cont. line – he was a brave and excellent officer – how long he served I know not.

John Jordan [S38098]



NOTES:

The Virginia Continental regiments, dates of organization, and first Colonels are given as follows by E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra, *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1978):

1 st	17 Jul 1775	Patrick Henry
2 nd	17 Jul 1775	William Woodford
3 rd	1 Dec 1775	Hugh Mercer
4 th	1 Dec 1775	Adam Stephen
5 th	1 Dec 1775	William Peachey then Charles Scott
6 th	1 Dec 1775	Mordecai Buckner then John Gibson
7 th	1 Dec 1775	William Daingerfield then Alexander McClenachan
8 th	1 Dec 1775	Peter Muhlenberg
9 th	Dec 1775	Thomas Fleming then George Mathews
10 th	Oct 1776	Edward Stevens
11 th	Oct 1776	Daniel Morgan
12 th	Oct 1776	James Wood
13 th	Oct 1776	William Russell
14 th	Oct 1776	Charles Lewis
15 th	Oct 1776	David Mason

Additional Regiments

16 th	27 Dec 1776	William Grayson
	27 Dec 1776	Nathaniel Gist
	27 Dec 1776	Charles Mynn Thruston
	27 Dec 1776	Moses Rawlings

F. B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution* (Washington DC: Rare Book Shop Publishing, 1914) gives the following summary of Lambert's military career: "Ensign 1st Virginia, 15th December, 1775; Lieutenant 3d February, 1776; Captain 14th Virginia, 24th February, 1777; cashiered 18th January, 1778."

Captain George Lambert of Bedford County was said to have been cashiered in the following pension applications:

George Hardwick S8674: "During that year he staid in winter quarters at Valley Forge where his Captain Lambert was tried for stealing a hat and was cashiered and he left the army."

James Mitchell S2836: "My Captain George Lambert was broke of his commission for stealing a hat."

John Overstreet S40231: "his former Captain, (George Lambert) having been previously cashiered for unofficerlike conduct."

Charles Ross S39036: " he served under the said Captain Lambert until he was cashiered and broke."

Joshua Wade W6388: "Joshua Wade Enlisted and served two years or more as a private in the regular infantry service as a substitute (as she is disposed to think) in the place of his brother Isaac Wade who enlisted under Captain George Lambert of the fourteenth Virginia Regiment who was Cashiered and his men put under another Captain."

On the pension certificate is written, "Died, Jan 30, 1837."