

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Victor W5171

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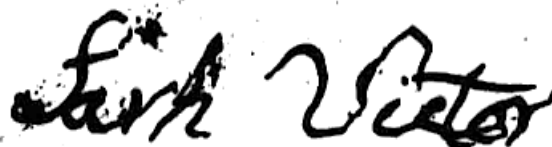
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State of Virginia Corporation of Lynchburg: to wit

On this 12th day of May in the year 1838, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Court of Record of the Corporation of Lynchburg in the State of Virginia Sarah Victor a resident of the Town of Lynchburg in the County of Campbell & State of Virginia, aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of John Victor who was a Lieutenant in the Continental line in the Army of the Revolution and belonged to Baylor's Corps of Horse, the particular duty and services of her late Husband she is unable to state, from the decay of memory and infirmities of age, but is advised that this will be unnecessary since she can refer to the public records and proves of service now filed in the proper Department of the Government and upon which a Bounty of Land has already been granted to the heirs of her husband the late John Victor.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Victor sometime between the years 1777 and '80 but has no record of her marriage, the family Register which recorded that event, in the ages of her children having been lost, that application has been made to the clerk of the County Court of Caroline in the State of Virginia, in which County she was married for a transcript of the record of her marriage, but is informed that no record of marriages exists in that office further back than the year 1785, and that therefore the date of her marriage must be established by circumstantial evidence; the only member of her family who has a record of his age is her youngest child who was 45 at last February; and that she had 7 children; and the eldest now computes her age at 58 or 9, there are but three of her children now living –

And she further declares that her Husband the aforesaid John Victor died in January 1817, and that she has remained a Widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Victor". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink splatters and is positioned in the lower right area of the page.

[f p 78: At Lynchburg in Virginia Mrs. Ann Scott, aged 75, widow of Major Samuel Scott late of Campbell County Virginia gave testimony that she was raised in Caroline County Virginia and in her early days resided in Port Royal; that she was well acquainted with John Victor an officer of the revolution and with Sarah Tankersley with whom he intermarried; that she was not present at their marriage but knew them both before and after their marriage took place; she well recollects

when her sister [not named] was married which was in the month of March previous to the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and that said John Victor and Sarah were married sometime before probably in the year 1777 or 1778 and that she thinks John and Sarah Victor had a child before her sister was married; that after John and Sarah were married they took up housekeeping at Port Royal; that he was then an officer , she does not know what rank but he wore a uniform of green turned up or trim with buff and her impression was that he was on parole; that after the war he moved to Fredericksburg; that John Victor was very proficient in music and she frequently went to the house of the father of Mrs. Victor to hear John Victor play on the spinet and the organ.]

[f p 27]

State of Virginia Corporation of Fredericksburg: to wit

Personally appeared before the undersigned Mayor of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia John England in the 82nd year of age who being first duly sworn according to law, Depose that in the year 1776, '77 and until the year 1780 he worked at the forge and furnace near Fredericksburg and made accoutrements and arms for Colonel Baylor's Regiment of Cavalry, that he knew John Victor who was an adjutant in said Regiment and was considered an officer of great merit, and it was always said of him that he rendered great service, when he joined or how long he continued in said Regiment he does not now recollect, but he has always understood and believes that after the year 1780 that he recruited and trained for the Army, in Fredericksburg.

S/ Jn England

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John England". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "E".

[attested June 20, 1838 by Benjamin Clark, Mayor of Fredericksburg]

[f p 35]

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia, Thomas Gibson¹ who being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was a soldier and served upwards of five years in the Army of the Revolution in the Regiment of Cavalry which was commanded by Colonels Bland, Washington &c in the northern and southern Campaigns. That he was well acquainted with John Victor who acted as Lieutenant and Adjutant in Colonel's Bailer's [sic] Regiment of cavalry from the year 1776 to the year 1778 or '80 the troops having marched to the South, he does not remember what became of said Victor, but have no doubt, he was honorably discharged from the said service, he was in service upwards of three years and was still in service when he saw him last. Given under my hand and seal this 11th September 1833

S/ James Hopkins

[f p 36]

¹ [Thomas Gibson S39573](#)

Petition of the heirs of John Victor Lieutenant and Adjutant Continental Line for Bounty Land

John Victor settled his accounts as Adjutant from March 1777 to July 1778. A credible witness has proved, that he was Lieutenant & Adjutant in Colonel Baylor's Regiment of Cavalry, from the year 1776 to the year 1779 or 1780 – that he knew him in service, more than 3 years, & that he was still in service, when he last saw him. This claim has been reported good in the printed list No. 2 which he is referred to.

If Bounty Land should be allowed in all to be for a service of three years.

Respectfully submitted

to His Excellency
Gov. Floyd

John H Smith, Comr &c.
March 14th 1834

[f p. 6: On May 12th, 1838 in Lynchburg Virginia, John Victor gave testimony that he is the youngest child of his mother Sarah Victor who is now applying for a pension under the 1836 act; that he has a record of his age taken some twenty-five years ago from the family register kept by his father; said record shows that he was born on the first day of February 1793 and that there were 6 children before him the eldest being a sister, Maria, affiant estimates her aged 58 or 59 years old; that the family register was in a small manuscript book in his father's handwriting but has been lost for at least 12 years; that he has applied to the clerk of court in Caroline County for a record of the marriage of his parents and has been informed that there is no such records in that office prior to 1785.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Victor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a closing bracket. The name "John" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Victor".

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[f p 13: last will and testament of Edward Dixon dated November 15 1776 and probated in Caroline County in July 1779 in which she makes several bequests to his daughter Sally.]

[f p 19: A deed of gift from Edward Dickson to John and Sally Victor proved on oath in Caroline County May 13, 1779.]

[f p 17: proclamation dated June 5, 1844, by John Victor, administrator of Sarah Victor deceased of Lynchburg, Virginia; he states that she died September 1, 1839 leaving 3 children, to wit: Maria Victor, Lucy Johnson and John Victor.]

[f p 74]

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 3rd day of April 1783, in the name of John Victor as a Adjutant for £173.9.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to To Wit [sic] and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Pay as Adjutant of Dragoons from 18 March 1777 to 18 July 1778

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
2nd day of April 1844.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$250 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service of 15 months as a Lieutenant of cavalry and adjutant in the Virginia service.]