

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lipscomb W5323

Elizabeth Lipscomb

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At a Court of Quarterly Session continued and held for King William County at the Courthouse on Thursday the 27th day of May 1819

John Lipscomb a resident in this County aged sixty-seven years this day came into court who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" – That he the said John Lipscomb enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ 1778 in King William County State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain John Bellfield of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Temple of the first Regiment of Dragoons in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the 22nd day of December 1780 when he was discharged from service at Anson Courthouse, State of South Carolina [sic North Carolina], that he was in the battle of Savannah, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except his discharge which is in the words and figures following to wit:

"Anson Courthouse –

Corporal John Lipscomb of the 1st Regiment – Light Dragoons, you are discharged from the said Regiment as you have served faithful, the time for which you engaged for. Given under my hand this 22nd of December 1780"

"Griffin Fautleroy Captain Commandant

1st R. L. D."

And thereupon the Court doth order that the said declaration and discharge be certified to the Secretary of the Department of war pursuant to the act of Congress – And the court doth also certify that it appears to their satisfaction that the said John Lipscomb did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of 9 months at one time on the Continental establishment, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

[Attested by Robert Pollard, clerk of court May 29, 1819]

[p 7: On February 25, 1839 in King William County Virginia, Elizabeth Lipscomb, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Lipscomb, a

revolutionary war pensioner who served under Captain [sic Colonel] Theodorick Bland; that she was married to John Lipscomb December 24, 1783; that he died September 28, 1824 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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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 23 day of April 1783, in the name of John Lipscomb, as a soldier of Cavalry for £90.13.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Pemberton and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
7th day of March 1839.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[p 13: discharge quoted above]

Anson Court Moore
Corpl John Lipscomb of the 1st Regt Light
Dragoons, you are Dischd from the said
Regt as you have sh^d faithfull the Time
for which you Engaged for Given under
my Hand this 24 of Decemb. 1780
Griffin Fauntleroy Capt Comd^t
1st Regt Light

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State of Virginia King William County SS

The affidavit of James Jones an old revolutionary soldier resident of King William County aged 90 years in July next who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he was intimately acquainted with John Lipscomb a resident of the aforesaid County and well knows that the said John Lipscomb enlisted into the revolutionary Army of the United States on the 14 day of February 1778 and served in the Army the full time for which he enlisted say 3 years under Colonel Bland of the cavalry further this affiant saith not. Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of April 1839

S/ James Jones, X his mark

[p 4: copy of a marriage bond dated December 22, 1783 issued in King William County Virginia to John Lipscomb & John Quarles conditioned upon the marriage of John Lipscomb to Elizabeth Lipscomb daughter of Amb. Lipscomb.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1819, for service as a Corporal for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum.]

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

I do Certify that Corporal John Lipscomb served 3 years in the first Regiment Light Dragoons on Continental establishment.

King William County

May 20th 1783

S/ Thomas Pemberton Captain

1st Regiment Light Dragoons

*Thomas Pemberton Captain
1st Regt. Light Dragoons*