

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Lamkin (Lampkin, Lambkin) W8018 Mary Lamkin f66VA

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Virginia to wit

On this 7th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of the State aforesaid personally appeared John Lamkin aged 79 years resident in the County of Culpeper in the state aforesaid who being by me 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 Lamkin enlisted in the year 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Jones of the said State which composed part of the first Virginia State Regiment that he continued to serve in the said Corps and in the service of the United States until the fall 1779 when he was discharged from service in the State of Pennsylvania and that he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] 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 of his services except the subjoined certificate.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first aforesaid

S/ H^h Holmes [Hugh Holmes, Judge]

[Note: I didn't find a Schedule of property in this file as required under the 1820 Act. There are several documents in this file which were too faint to discern and one of those might have been the Schedule.]

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Virginia Culpeper County: SS

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Humphrey a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Peter Triplett¹ a revolutionary soldier aged about 82 years who being duly sworn stated that he knew John Lampkin from his infancy, that in the war of the Revolution himself & John Lampkin both entered the Marine service at one time & that they both quit the Marine service at one time & immediately enlisted in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson for three years & was discharged after having served their full time, in the year 1779 & they were both placed on the pension Roll at or about one time & both stricken from the Rolls at one time & for the same reasons (he believes) & then heard it was because they were considered State Troops and lastly were reinstated at the same time or about. Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of June 1835.

¹ [Peter H. Triplett W2706](#)

S/ Thomas Humphrey, JP

[p 4: On March 16, 1839 in Culpeper County Virginia, Philagathers Roberts gave testimony that he has known Mary Lampkin the wife of John Lampkin for the last 45 or 50 years; that in 1794 and 1795 the affiant managed the estate of his father which included a saw and grist mill frequented by the veteran and his widow; that at that time the veteran and his wife had several children; affiant's wife hired Susanna Lampkin one of the daughters of the veteran and his wife; in 1811 the affiant contracted with John and Mary Lampkin and 2 of their sons John and Thomas to work on his farm; the veterans son John was 20 years old in 1811; the veteran and his wife had 2 children older than John, William and Joanna; Joanna says she is now 50 years old and is living with her mother; the veteran and his wife had 4 children younger than their son John; the affiant says the old man (the veteran) was "a great Drunkard and spent everything he could get on liquor the hire of his children was spent in that way which kept them very poor"

Phil Roberts
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[Facts in file: The veteran married January 10, 1785, Mary Lee, a widow, whose maiden name was Mary Story. They were married by Parson Craig in Fauquier County, Virginia; she was allowed her pension on application dated November 20, 1838 at which time she stated her age was 76 years and she resided in Culpepper County Virginia. In 1845 she gave her post office address as Wheatley, Fauquier County Virginia; eight children of the veteran and his wife are referred to in the file: William, who died young; Joanna, who was living with her mother in 1839 and was then about 50 years old; John, born in August 1791, and was living in Culpeper County Virginia in 1939 and Thomas Lamkin; the other children are not named in any of the documents in this file. The widow's application as posted in this file is illegibly faint. Consequently, I have summarized the likely contents of it above. The veteran died July 20 or 27, 1830 (both dates are contained in different documents in this file).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 7th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$80 per annum.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file under "John Lampkin"

Culpeper County to wit

September Court 1811

John Lampkin came into Court and made oath that he served as a Soldier in various Corps during the whole of the Revolutionary war – but more particularly in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson for the term of three years that he has never received any land for the said services nor authorized any person to receive the same. And that his brother William Lampkin was a soldier in the aforesaid Regiment, and that he died in the State of New Jersey whilst the said Regiment was encamped there, and thereby he the said John is the eldest Brother of the said William – Peter Triplett also made oath to the facts respecting the said William – and the said John Lampkin & William Broadus made oath to the facts respecting the said John. A copy

S/ Wm Broadus, JP

Culpeper County to wit

This day Alexander McQueen² personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that John Lampkin was at the siege of York in 1781 and that he served under him the said McQueen as a soldier. Given under my hand this 10th day of October 1823

S/ Wm Broadus, JP

[1-page file under "John Lamkin"]

John Lamkin in 1st Virga. State Regiment having served as a true & faithful Soldier in Captain Rucker's Company the term of 3 years for which he was enlisted & he is hereby discharged the Service. Given under my hand at Philadelphia this 22nd of December 1779

S/ J Allison, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant

April 15th, 1783

I do hereby empower William Barnes to receive what is due me from the first State Regiment

S/ John Lamkin, X his mark

A Copy Test Philip Clayton

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 24-page file indexed under the name "John Lampkin"

[The documents in this file appear to relate to the above veteran. The documents contain refer to an annual pension of \$30 authorized by the Virginia Legislature sometime prior to March 22, 1826 in favor of John Lampkin of Culpepper County. The documents relate to the annual authorization, appropriation, disbursement and receipt of the pension from March 1826 through July 26, 1830 when the veteran died according to a filing made by Philagathers Roberts, as administrator of the estate of the veteran. There is no indication in the documents as to why a pension was granted the veteran by the State. There is reference to his wife, Mary. All of the images of the documents posted in this file are partial images. Most images are missing both the top and bottom portions.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Culpeper County Legislative Petitions

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of John Lampkin of Culpepper County respectfully represents to your Hon. Body That He Enlisted in the Service of His country 1st in the Marine service under Capt. Gabriel Jones where he continued about 12 months, after which he enlisted for 3 years and was marched to the North where he continued till he was honorably discharged having previously spent the winter at Valley Forge & fought at the Battle of Monmouth, Paulis Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779], and several skirmishes besides, shortly after his Return to his native State, Virginia, he

² [Alexander McQueen S5075](#)

was called to go to the Siege of York, which Summons he readily obeyed & remained in the Service of his Country till the close of the War – Your petitioner might & perhaps ought at the [one or more indecipherable words] represented the great hardships & danger he encountered & endured in the Indian War, being at the severe & hard fought Battle of the Mouth of the Kanawha, now point Pleasant [October 10, 1774], where his gallant Officer Col. John Field fell, but forbearing to dwell longer on this incident, your Petitioner further represents that in consequence of his being sent to the North & placed under Continental Officers & fought most of the hard Battles with Continental Troops that he was on Continental pay Having obtained a Certificate from the Judge of the Superior Court of Law, he drew, under the Act of Congress two installments, when he received a Letter from the War Department, stating that he did not belong in the Continental line, but in the State service & was consequently stricken from the Pension list. Your Petitioner has never received any commutation in the land or money for his Services and as he was faithful in discharge of his duties to his Country, is now 86 years old very poor and infirm having lost two fingers & his thumb on one hand by blowing rock, for his daily support, & lately has had the misfortune to have his right shoulder dislocated by a fall from a Horse. He now asked of your Hon. Body to be placed on the Pension list & your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Jno Lamkin

[Reverse]

John Lamkin Petition to be placed on the pension list

Referred to Claims

December 14th, 1825

1825

December 17 Reasonable

December 19 Reported

December 21 Bill drawn

John Lampkin, a Revolutionary Soldier, aged 85 or 86 years, This day requested me to examine an injury which he says he sustained by a fall from a horse, some three or four months since, – The injury appears to be in the Shoulder Joint – caused by a separation of the clavicle and scapula where they joined together. The clavicle appears to have passed over the scapula, a short distance, and makes a considerable protuberance on his Shoulder, which prevents him from using his right arm with the same facility as formerly.

Given from under my hand this 5th November 1825

S/ Jas Wheatley, Jr.

I do hereby certify that John Lampkin a resident of Culpepper County enlisted as a soldier in Capt. John Green's company in the first Virginia Continental Regiment in the year 1775 for one year & served his time out as a true & faithful soldier, and do further certify that the said Lampkin at the expiration of his time in that Regiment did enlist in the Marine service in 1776 & there continued as a soldier until the Officers of the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson was appointed in the first of 1777 and the said Lampkin then enlisted in that Regiment as a soldier and marched in the said Regiment to the North and joined the main Continental Army commanded by General Washington & there served about three years, in the last of 1779 the Regiment was ordered to Virginia & got to Alexandria the first of 1780 & the

said Lampkin marched with it he was a soldier in my Company & a good one, he was at the battle of Monmouth & at the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] & I believe in Powlers hook [Paulus Hook] at the taking of the prisoners out & not silencing [?]³ the fort, the said Lampkin always done his duty as a faithful & spirited soldier when the Regiment marched to Virginia at the officers & soldiers had furloughs for three months & in the course of the year I was arranged a supernumerary officer so that I no [know] nothing more of the said Lampkin's services, Given under my hand this 13 day of October 1825

S/ Angus Rucker Capt. of the Company

that the said Lampkin served in Col. Gibson's Regiment

*Angus Rucker Capt of the company
that the said Lampkin served in Col. Gibson's*

[Attested in Madison County October 11, 1825]

silencing