

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William T. Linton W8046 Mary Ann Linton f196NC
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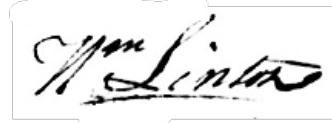
[p 5: the digital image of the document transcribed below is very faint—use the transcript with more than normal caution as to its accuracy.]

District of __ SS

On this 2nd day of November 1818 appeared before Hy. Seawell one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law William Linton aged 60 years a resident in Iredell [County North Carolina] who being by __ first duly sworn according to law doth 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 & naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war, that the said Linton entered into the United States Service as a subaltern officer in the Company Commanded by Captain William Barrot [sic, William Barrett] his Commission bearing date 16th day of April 1776 & was attached to the 3rd North Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Jethro Sumner afterwards Genl. Sumner that he rendezvoused at Hallifax [sic, Halifax] town in North Carolina where said Linton had formerly resided on the Month of May following & marched under the Command of Genl. Lee [Charles Lee] to Charleston So. Carolina And was at the Battle of Syllivan's Island [Sic, Sullivan's Island] or Moultry's fort [sic, Moultrie's Fort] the first siege of Charleston [June 28, 1776] after the British left Charleston they were ordered over into town & in the Month of August he was promoted in the company of Captain Daniel Jones & ordered by Genl. Lee back to No. Carolina on the recruiting service which recruiting service he continued in until all the North Carolina line was ordered back to rendezvous at Hallifax & to march on to Join Genl. Washington which they did some time in the first of April 1777 when they marched to Alexandria where they were met by Doctor Tilton [? very faint] Surgeon Genl. & received inoculation & marched over to Georgetown in Maryland & there remained untill they were through the inoculation & from there in the month of June they marched to Philadelphia from Philadelphia to Billingport -- from thence to Trenton in the New Jerseys & from Trenton Down to Philadelphia from Philadelphia to Wilmington in order to meet the British at the head of the Elk -- he was at a small skirmish called the Iron hill [Battle of Cooch's Bridge, DE, Sept. 3, 1777] which immediately ensued & so on until the 11th of September 1777 when he fought at the battle of Brandywine & on the 4th of October ensuing he fought at the battle of Germantown in Genl. Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Division fought at the White Marsh [December 5-8, 1777] & Peola [sic, Paoli, September 21, 1777] & so continued on in one continuous time of Actual service through that northern Campaign During his stay that Winter at the Valley forge winter Quarters they lost so many men that in the spring '78 the Regiments were so reduced that

there was many Supernumerary officers but he was attached as Captain Linton and that on a Detached party of light troops under the Command of Genl. Lee [Charles Lee] & was at the battle of Monmouth Courthouse & after the battle of Monmouth Courthouse 28th of June '78 after which time he became a supernumerary & sent to No. Carolina to attend to the recruiting service & the spring forward was ordered to the southward & under Genl. Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] to the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], but was not in the battle, he was again ordered back to No. Carolina to attend to recruiting service under Genl. Gates [Horatio Gates] marched out to the South he then joined him & was attached to a Corps of light infantry under Col. Porterfield & fought with them at Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] after which time he joined Genl. Smallwood & continued till Genl. Greene [December 2, 1780, change of Command at Charlotte, NC] arrived he likewise fought at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] where he commanded a Regiment then acting against the British till they marched in Virginia then ordered back to the to the District of Wilmington to act vs. the British Garrison & the Tories until the fall of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] when he was discharged in that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other Evidence now in his power of said Services.

S/ Wm Linton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Linton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to & declared to before made
S/ Henry Seawell

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State of North Carolina Surry County: On the 16th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Linton aged sixty three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said William Linton entered the service of the United States on the 16th day of April 1776 as an Ensign in the company commanded by Captain William Barrett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner in the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged from the said service. That he was in the attack on Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, that in April 1777 he was marched to the northward and joined the Northern Army at Trenton and was in the battles fought at Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth, and that he has not any other evidence of his said services now in his power: And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

S/ Wm Linton

Sworn to in open Court

Test: S/ Jo. Williams, CC

	Schedule	
One horse & saddle value		\$60.
One Cow & Calf		10
Household furniture, bedding excepted		20
Stock of hogs 11 in number		<u>9</u>
		\$99
Debts owed to various individuals from the best estimate he can make		\$150

And that his family consists of a wife & 4 children female children one of which is in quiet a helpless situation from bodily infirmity, that he has no other occupation than that of a farmer, which he is unable to perform in such manner as to support himself.

S/ Wm Linton

His wife 56 years of age

Eldest daughter 26

Second daughter 20 years helpless

Third daughter 18 years

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

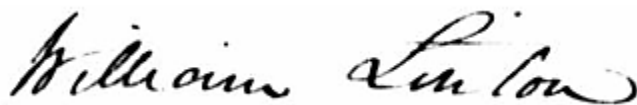
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Grayson CH Virginia February 7th 1824

Sir/ From a letter I have received from the pension office in Fayetteville my pension is withheld from me owing to certain information reaching the War Department that I held valuable Lands in the County of Mecklenburg in this State and in the Western Country in the year 1820. I would wish to know from what source the above information reached the War Department as it is false and unfounded. In consequence of my pension being withheld I am at this time confined [to] the prison bounds at this place. I am miserably poor and shall be reduced to the necessity of taking the benefit of the Act providing for Insolvent debtors. Your compliance will confer a favor on your humble servant

S/ William Linton



[p 111 veteran's last will and testament.]

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State of Virginia Grayson County

This day Mary Ann Linton, widow of William Linton personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made Oath in due form of law that the annexed belief containing the age of her late husband -- her own age and that of their children was cut out of a large family Bible at the time it was executed and sold for debts, that the writing thereon is in the hand of the said William Linton, her late husband, and has always up to this time remained in her possession.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1840

[p 10: Family record]

Wm Thomas Linton son of John and Maryann Linton was born in Westmoreland County the state of Virginia the 8th Day of January in the year of our Lord Anno Domini 1758

Maryann Linton was born the Sixth Day of December in the year of Our Lord Anno Domini 1769

Mary Linton Daughter of Wm T. Linton and Maryann was born November the 11th in the year of Our Lord Anno Domini 1794

John Linton Son of Wm T. Linton and Maryann was Born July the 28th in the year of Our Lord Anno Domini 1797

Elizabeth Linton Daughter of Wm T. Linton and Maryann was born March the 12th in the year of Our Lord Anno Domini 1800

Margaret Haynes Linton Daughter of Wm T. Linton and Maryann was born April the 19th Day in the year of Our Lord Anno Domini 1802

Ann Thomas Linton Daughter of Wm T. Linton and Maryann was born June the first Day in the year of our Lord Anno Domini 1808

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that William Linton a Lieutenant in Captain Fenner's Company of the 3rd Regiment, entered the service on the 24th day of July 1776, and that he resigned on the first day of November 1778. I do further certify that it appears of record in this Office, that a warrant for bounty land was issued on the 21st April 1784 for thirty-one month service of said William Linton as a Captain in the line aforesaid, which Warrant was issued on the certificate of a Field Officer and is No. 625 for 1427 acres of land drawn by General Person

Given under my hand this 9th day of February 1841

S/ Wm Hill

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At a court begun and held for the County of Grayson in the State of Virginia, on Monday the 26th day of December 1842

Present Stephen Hale, Samuel Fulton, James Anderson Junior, Andrew Robinson and Hugh Cunin, Gentlemen Justices; Mary Ann Linton widow of William T. Linton deceased personally appeared in open court, when the following questions were asked her by the court.

1st In what year were you married, and where and by whom?

Answer. I was married to my late husband William T. Linton, on the 15th day of April 1793, by the Reverend Mr. Martin, at his house in Chester District South Carolina.

2nd Where have you lived since, and how long at your present residence?

Answer. I live with my husband, in Chester, Lancaster and Union Districts, South Carolina, until after our 3rd child was born, say 8 years, and 7 or 8 months. We then removed to Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where we resided about 10 years. From there we returned to Chester District, South Carolina, and remained 4 years. We then removed to North Carolina and lived in that State 5 years or thereabouts -- and from thence to the neighborhood of my present residence in Grayson County, Virginia, where I have lived for 21 years.

3rd Do you distinctly, or not recollect the year and date of your marriage?

Answer. I have a very distinct recollection of that fact. I was married to my late husband William

T. Linton on the 15th day of April 1793.

4th. How do you recollect the day and year?

Answer. I recollect the year and date well -- I had been married 17 months lacking a few days when my first child was born; to wit my daughter Mary, who was born on the 11th, 1794.

5th. Who was present at the marriage, and are any of them living?

Answer. I went to the Reverend Mr. Martin's house to get married Ann was married there. His family were present, and too young man who happened there at the time. If I ever knew their names I have forgotten them. It is now some 25 or 30 years since I heard anything of them, and I know not whether any of them are living.

S/ MaryAnn Linton, X her mark

[p 17: on July 6, 1840 in Grayson County Virginia, MaryAnn Linton, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Linton, a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death; that she married him April 15, 1793 in Chester County South Carolina; that her husband died February 28, 1827; and that she has remained his widow.]

[Veteran was inscribed on the rolls of North Carolina at the rate of \$20 per month commencing November 2, 1818 for service as a Captain in the North Carolina Line.]