

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Lipscomb<sup>1</sup> W8254 Mary Lipscomb

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Virginia Charlotte County to wit

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Charlotte now sitting Richard Lipscomb a resident of said County aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he served as a Soldier in the revolutionary war a tour of six months in the militia of Virginia as volunteer. He marched from the County of Nottoway where he then resided in January or February in the year 1779 under the command of Captain William Fitzgerald to Halifax old town in the State of North Carolina where they remained a short time from there they marched to Stono River in the State of South Carolina. Colonel Mason [David Mason] commanded the Regiment a while and left there and he does not recollect who commanded the Regiment afterwards, but General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the Brigade – at Stono ferry we were engaged in a battle 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1779 in one skirmish before the battle we took 18 prisoners mostly Hessians at Long Cross way about two miles from the encampment while I was standing guard a tour he flashed his gun at me I fired at the Tory and heard him groan he went off and died in five days and said the man he flashed his gun at killed him as we were informed by an inhabitant of that place. I remained at Stono until the expiration of my term of service and then marched to Campden [Camden] where we were discharged and received written discharges my discharge I have lost and have now no documentary evidence of my service nor do I know any person now living by whom I can prove it.

And I also served another tour of three months I was drafted and marched from the County of Nottoway in November 1779 under the command of Captain Fowlkes or Fuls [perhaps Gabriel Foulks or Fowkles] to Cabin Point on James River where we remained I suppose between three and four weeks under the command of General Downman [Raleigh or Rawleigh Downman] we were then directed to return home and to hold ourselves in readiness to be called out again and accordingly the next January or in February we were again ordered into the service and marched under Captain Fowlkes or Fuls to James River near Wilton below Richmond General Lafayette was there with the regulars under his command. General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] and General Lawson [Robert Lawson] was also there – we were in no engagement but were Employed in reconnoitering the country about James River near Richmond Petersburg and Fredericksburg we were engaged in the service 3 months including the time we were in

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service the previous fall I received no written discharge I have no documentary evidence of my service nor do I know of any person now living by whom I can prove it. I removed from the County of Nottoway to the County of Charlotte in the year 1804 where I have resided ever since. There is no minister residing in his neighborhood.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Lipscomb



[William Hamlett and Daniel Hendrick gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On October 23, 1854 in Charlotte County Virginia, Mary Lipscomb , 64, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Lipscomb a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 9, 1806 in Halifax County Virginia; that her husband died December 4, 1838.



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[p 9: On July 4, 1856 in Charlotte County Virginia, the widow then giving her age as 66 filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[p 43: On July 16, 1866 in Charlotte County Virginia, the widow, then giving her age as 76, filed for the restoration of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. In this document she states that she was then living with a daughter (not named) "10 miles West of Charlotte Court House". In this document she states that during the war she sustained herself by the higher of her former slaves and that since April 1865 she has been supported by her children (not named).]

[p 5: copy of a marriage bond dated October 9, 1806 issued in Halifax County Virginia to Richard Lipscomb and Moseley Sims conditioned upon the marriage of Richard Lipscomb to Polly Cobbs.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]