

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Valentine X817 Dis

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Valentine, Jacob

His name appears on a list of claimants to be placed on the pension list returned by the Circuit Court for the District of Virginia, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War, on April 25, 1794, in printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 122

Rank: Captain

Regt.: Colonel Gibson's

Disability: Lost the sight of one of his eyes while in the service of the United States

When and where disabled: 1778, Valley Forge

Residence: Princess Anne [County, Virginia]

Monthly allowance: \$13.33

Arrearages: \$200

Remarks: returned sick in October 1777; mustered to May 1778

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Princess Anne County Legislative Papers

The Hon. the Speaker and Members of the Assembly of Virginia

1807 The petition of Jacob Valentine

Your petitioner humbly sheweth that your petitioner was a Capt. Commanding a Company in what was called the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson; from the situation of the War at that time, the State thought it advisable to direct this Regiment to Join the Army in the North. Accordingly it was effected [affected]. In the year 1777 after the Battle of German Town [October 4, 1777], the British Army being in possession of Philadelphia caused the American Army to lay on their arms watching their motions till the latter end of January 1778 before the American Army got into Huts, It was at a place called Valley Forge on the banks of the Schuylkill [River] a fatal place to the American Army, much to be lamented, as many thousand fine fellows lay there buried from their sufferings in being compelled to lay out. It was on those Banks that your petitioner met with the loss of that invaluable member the right Eye of your petitioner, which baffled all attempts of the Physician as will more fully appear by the certificate and Oath of Dr. John Roberts Surgeon to the 6th Virginia

Regiment & the certificates of several Field Officers.

Your petitioner in the year 1792 November prayed for a compensation for the loss of his Eye, the prayer of your petitioner was referred to the committee of claims as will more fully appear from the resolution in November 1792 Col. Nathaniel Wilkinson in the Chair.

The resolution was not fully carried into effect, your petitioner was directed to make application to the General Government for compensation, as Gibson's Regiment was in Continental service, though raised for the defense of the State. In the year 1778 the Assembly of Virginia passed a law that Col. Gibson's Regiment should supply the place of the 9th Virginia Regiment which was entirely cut off at the battle of German Town until the same could be again recruited the said 9th Regiment was not again recruited therefore Gibson's Regiment to which your petitioner belonged was continued in Continental service.

Your petitioner in consequence of this resolution, on the 3rd day of December 1792 made application to the General Government for a compensation for the loss of his Eye, by appearing in Richmond before Judge Cushin and Judge Griffin two of the Judges of the United States and it is then & there determined agreeable to an order of that day as will more fully appear from the records of the court of the United States that your petitioner shall be entitled to receive compensation of \$160 per annum for life & \$200 arrearages for not applying sooner.

Your petitioner under a Copy of this order made application to the General Government for payment, your petitioner is referred back to the State of Virginia for payment as belonging to the State Regiment. Your petitioner being thus situated shall never receive any compensation for the loss of his Eye.

Your petitioner now prays that your Hon. body will take his case under your tender consideration and grant to your petitioner which in your great wisdom may seem meet [?]¹, and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

It appears by the books in this Office that a Certificate issued on the 14th of March 1783 for £240 in the name of Jacob Valentine being the balance of his full pay as a Capt. in the state service.

Auditor's Office

18 December 1807

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Norfolk County Legislative Papers

To the Hon. the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia
The Petition of Jacob Valentine
Sheweth

That your Petitioner at the commencement of the late hostilities entered into the service of his country as a volunteer under the command of General Robert Lawson against Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Gov. of the colony of Virginia] to reclaim a quantity of Gun powder taken by the enemy; that upon raising the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. William Peachey [William Peachy] he made application for a Commission, but being disappointed, again entered a Volunteer in that Regiment, that the Committee of Safety was pleased some time after, to grant your Petitioner a Commission as Lieut. of Marines on

board the brig [paper damaged and the name of the ship partially damaged but I think it is a reference to the brig *Mosquito*,² then commanded by Capt. Isaac Younghusband and after by Capt. John Harris, and retained his commission till 1777 when it was thought necessary that the Marines should enter into the land service and to which your Petitioner cheerfully exceeded; that shortly after the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson was ordered to the northward, and your Petitioner being entitled to the rank and pay of a Capt. in the said Regiment, resigned it, and accepted the 1st Lieutenantcy of that Regiment under the Command of aforesaid, joined the Troops and continued in service till July 1779.

That during his continuance in the service, your Petitioner never absented himself from duty unless occasioned by sickness that he obtained a Certificate expressive thereof, which he lodged in the Council Chamber, but through some accident, has been mislaid.

That your Petitioner in consequence of the loss of one of his Eyes occasioned by a severe cold he got whilst upon duty with the Troops at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778 was obliged to quit the Army being persuaded there to by the Surgeon who attended him.

That on the 23rd day of January 1781 your Petitioner was made a Prisoner by the Troops under the Command of Col. Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] and imprisoned on board the Vessel that served as a Guard ship at Portsmouth until the 20th of March following at which time your Petitioner made his Escape and effected that of seven others of his fellow sufferers.

Your petitioner prays your Hon. body will take his case under your most serious consideration and be pleased to grant him relief by half pay for, or commute it, at five years full pay for such other relief as your wisdom and justice suggests and he will ever Pray

[Reverse]

Jacob Valentine's Petition

26 October 1791

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

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rep'd 14th Novr 91

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[Note: Another page appears in this page but it is not clear where it fits in the petitioner's affidavit. It reads as follows:]

X which is stated in the Certificate of Dr. John Roberts

– That after this unfortunate accident, your Petitioner on or about the 1st of July 1781 at the time this State was invaded by General Arnold [Benedict Arnold], raised a Company of

² *Mosquito/Musquito*. ND7:1236, ND8:965, ND9:19-20, Dandridge:187, M389, Coggins:102, ND10:924, ND11:130, 285, 887, VANavy:154, brig in VA Navy, 1776, Capts Jacob Valentine, Isaac Younghusband, and John Harris, captured and crew jailed in 1777 in Barbados and officers to Forton Prison. VANavy:154, it captured the British snow *John* and the transport *Noble*. The ship *Noble* was valued at 75,000 l ivres. Connor:345fn (1876), SchV:52, DaviesXIII:1094, privateer of Virginia, taken Aug 1777 in the West Indies by the British *Ariadne*, and part of crew to Forton Prison 8 Aug 1777. SchV:52, Kaminkow:230, 14 guns, 72 men, indicates one of two captains, John Harris or John Martin, capture of Aug 1777 for John Harris, no date for John Martin...C2, 52.Ford1776:861.ND9:19 this was apparently a VA vessel renamed *Endeavor*, .later captured by *Ariadne* 4 June 1777. Silverstone:20. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20M.html>

Volunteers to suppress his attempts, and was taken by Capt. Shanks of Col. Simcoe's Horse [John Graves Simcoe] on the 23rd of same month, and imprisoned on board a Guard Ship – that prior to his being sent on board, General Arnold offered him a limited parole, which your Petitioner absolutely refused, and solicited a general one, but was denied – that General Arnold then made your Petitioner the offer of a Capt.'s commission in the B. service, pressing him very hard thereto, and attempted to show the great advantages resulting therefrom but this also your Petitioner absolutely denied with detestation – that on the 20 March following he made his escape from the Guard Ship, effected that of seven others, his fellow Sufferers, and joined the detachment at the North West land commanded by General Gregory.

[Another file]

The Hon. the Speaker and the Members of the General Assembly, Virginia

The petition of Jacob Valentine your petitioner humbly sheweth that during the revolution in America your petitioner lost his Right Eye in consequence of which he made application to the Circuit Judges of the United States in the city of Richmond for a pension, after weighing the matter under their tender consideration your petitioner on the 3rd day of December 1792 was allowed one hundred and sixty dollars per annum for life as a pension and two hundred dollars arrearages of pay under the order of the Hon. Judges your petitioner made application to the Secretary of the War department to be placed on the pension list under the order when the Secretary referred to your petitioner to your Hon. Body as belonging to the State line though immediately in Continental service, your petitioner resting under every hope that he shall receive ample Justice from your Hon. Body by placing him on the pension list as under the Order of the Judges in your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c &c &c

[Reverse]

Valentine's Petition
Rejected
December 19, 1801