

Bounty Land – James Levingston

B.L.Wt.1260-500 Col.

Issued Apr 21, 1791 No papers

(Heitman's Register gives name as Livingston p. 354.)

War Department. The Adjutant General's Office

Washington. August 10, 1922.

Respectfully transmitted to the Commissioner of Pensions, to whose office the communication is addressed and to which it appears to pertain.

The records of this office show that one James Livingston, or Livingstone, served in 1777 and 1778 in Captain Jesse Roe's Co., of Artificers and in Captain-lieutenant Christian Beackley's Company detached from Col. Benjamin Flower's Corps of Artificers, both under the command of Brigadier General of Ordnance Henry Knox. The force was apparently known both as the "Commissary General of Military Stores Department." The soldier held at different times the rank of private, quartermaster sergeant and lieutenant. Robert C. Davis, Acting The Adjutant General.

Letter in folder dated November 29, 1916, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the ninth instant, you are advised that the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau show that 500 acres of bounty land were allowed on account of the service of James Livingston or Levingston as Colonel in New York troops, on Warrant #1,260 which issued April 21, 1791. There are no papers on file relative to said claim as they were destroyed when the War office was burned in 1800.

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War Department, A.G.O., April 19, 1930.—To Major W. Dulty Smith, U.S. Marin [Marine?] Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

1. The records show that one James Livingston served in the Revolutionary War as colonel of a battalion of continental troops bearing his name. He was commissioned November 20, 1775, and his name is last borne on a record which shows that he was in service in January, 1781. His final record is not shown.
2. One James Livingston is also shown as Colonel, Colonel Livingston's Regiment New York Militia, Revolutionary War, according to an undated return "of the officers belonging to the State of New York attached to the Corps hereof specified under the resolution of congress of the 15 Mch 1779"; also according to a list dated March 31, 1787, "of pensions paid to invalids by the State of New York agreeable to a resolve of Congress dated 7 June 1785 in pursuance to a law of the State passed the 22 of April 1786". Neither the date of his commission nor his final record is shown.
3. The collection of Revolutionary War records in this Department is far from complete, and it is suggested that additional information can possibly be

obtained from the Director, New York State Library, at Albany, or from the Commissioner of Pensions, this city.