

# WASHINGTON'S LIFE GUARDS



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**HIS EXCELLENCY'S GUARD  
ALSO KNOWN AS:**

**A. THE GENERAL'S GUARD**

**B. THE WASHINGTON'S LIFE GUARD**

**C. WASHINGTON'S BODY GUARD**

**D. THE LIFE GUARDS**

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- **WASHINGTON USUALLY REFERRED TO THE UNIT AS "MY GUARDS"**
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- **CAPTAIN GIBBS SIGNED DISPATCHES AND UNIT CORRESPONDENCE  
"COMMANDANT C-in-C, Guards"**

# ORIGIN OF THE GUARD

Head Quarters, Cambridge, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1776 - GENERAL ORDER

•“The General being desirous of selecting a particular number of men, as a Guard for himself, and baggage, The Colonel, or commanding Officer, of each of the established Regiments, (the Artillery and Riffle-men excepted) will furnish him with four, that the number wanted may be chosen out of them. His Excellency depends upon the Colonels for good Men, **such as they can recommend for their sobriety, honesty, and good behavior; he wishes them to be from five feet, eight Inches high, to five feet, ten Inches; handsomely and well made, and as there is nothing in his eyes more desirable, than Cleanliness in a Soldier, he desires that particular attention may be made, in the choice of such men, as are neat, and spruce.** They are all to be at Head Quarters tomorrow precisely at twelve, at noon, when the Number wanted will be fixed upon. The General neither wants men with uniforms, or arms, nor does he desire any man to be sent to him, that is not perfectly willing, and desirous, of being of this guard. They should be drilled men.”

•“The General desires that those Colonels, who have not furnished the Arrangement of their Officers, will do it forthwith under the Inspection of the Brigadiers, who are to certify the same; he also requires the Brigadiers to see that the Returns are made, that the Commissions may issue.”

# **APPOINTMENT OF CAPTAIN CALEB GIBBS AS COMMANDER MARCH 12, 1776**

**General Washington appointed Captain Caleb Gibbs, adjutant of the 14th Massachusetts Continental Regiment, as the commander of the His Excellency's Guard, with the title of CAPTAIN COMMANDANT. In addition to protecting the person of the Commander-in-Chief, and the headquarters, when the Army was moving, he was responsible for the selection of defensible quarters for General Washington and his staff. When the General was traveling, Major Gibbs usually mounted a guard to accompany him. On several occasions, they encountered the British while on the move, and some serious skirmishes resulted.**

# UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS EXCELLENCY'S GUARD GENERAL ORDER

•From George Washington to Captain Caleb Gibbs, 22 April 1777

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•To Captain Caleb Gibbs

•Morristown. April 22. 1777

•Dear Sir

•I forgot before you left this place to desire you to provide clothing for the men that are to compose my guard—but now desire that you will apply to the clothier general and have them forwarded to this place, Head Quarters as soon as possible. **Provide for 4 Sergeants, 4 corporals, a drum and fife, and 50 rank and file. If Blew and Buff can be had I should prefer that uniform, as it is the one I wear myself.** If it cannot, Mr. Mease & you may fix upon any other, **red excepted.** I shall get men from 5 feet 9 to 5 feet 10 for the Guard; for such sized men therefore make your clothing. You may get a small round Hat, or cocked one as you please. In getting these clothes—no mention need be made for what purpose they are intended; for though no extraordinary expense will attend it and the Guard which is absolutely necessary for the security of my baggage, papers &c. may as well be in the same uniform as to consist of twenty, yet the report of making a uniform (or if already made) providing a uniform for the guards creates an idea of expense which I should not wish should go forth. That your arms may also be of a piece **I herewith enclose you an order on the Company of stores for 58 muskets.**<sup>1</sup> I am Dr sir Yr most obedt servt

• (Signed) Geo: Washington

NOTE: Captain Gibbs was successful in securing blue and buff uniforms, **but chose red waistcoats (probably because white were not available). These vests became symbolic of the guard for the duration of the war.**

# EVOLUTION OF THE FINAL UNIFORM

**General Washington** instructed Captain Caleb Gibbs to go to the Clothier General and secure uniforms for his personal guard. He specifically stated that he **wanted his guard to wear uniform similar to his own, buff colored breeches and vest**, regimental coats of **dark blue** faced (lapels, cuffs and turnbacks) **buff** colored. The details as to equipment were left up to Gibbs and what was available. The only word of caution given to Captain Gibbs was **"no red."** When Gibbs arrived at the Clothier General's headquarters he soon ran into problems. Most of the uniforms available were captured British and Hessian. Gibbs did manage to secure **blue uniform coats**, but the only breeches available were white. **That was remedied by using coffee to dye them.** The next problem was the **waistcoats (vests)**. **The only ones available were captured by an American Privateer** and were destined for the British 5th Regiment of Foot. **They were red! These red waistcoats became symbolic of the C-in-C Guard for the duration of the war.**

The next problem encountered was buttons. What button would a "body guard" of one hundred and fifty men use? We do not know who thought of it, but the Continental Congress had just minted one of our earliest coins - a penny, and it had a cipher on it - "USA". Either someone in the Clothier General's Department or Captain Caleb Gibbs thought of using the "USA" cipher on the Life Guard buttons.



# WASHINGTON DESCRIBING THE MEMBERS DESIRED FOR THE HIS EXCELLENCY'S GUARD COMPANY General Orders, 30 April 1777

Sir,

I want to form a Company for my Guard. In doing this I wish to be extremely cautious, because it is more than probable that, in the course of the campaign, my baggage, papers, & other matters of great public import may be committed to the sole care of these Men. This being premised, in order to impress you with proper attention in the choice, I have to request that you will immediately furnish me with four men of your regiment: and, as it is my farther wish that this company should look well & be nearly of a size, I desire that **none of the men may exceed in stature five feet ten inches, nor fall short of five feet nine inches, sober, young, active and well made.** When I recommend care in your choice I would be understood to mean men of good character in the regiment, that possess the **pride of appearing clean and soldierlike.** I am satisfied there can be no absolute security for the fidelity of this class of people, but yet I think it most likely to be found in **those who have family connections in the Country.** You will therefore send me **none but natives, and men of some property,** if you have them. I must insist that, in making this choice you give no intimation of my preference of natives, as **I do not want to create any invidious distinction between them and the foreigners.** I am, yours, &c,  
Go Washington

• G.W.



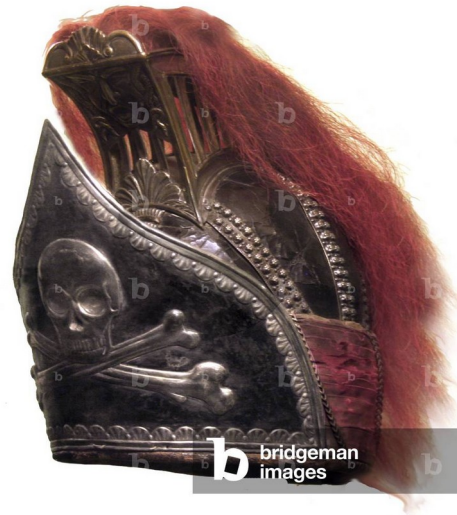
# HIS EXCELLENCY'S GUARD HELMET

Captain Gibbs, first commander of the Life Guards, procured leather helmets with a bear skin crest, in lieu of the traditional tricorn hats. These apparently were captured by a privateer and were bound for the British 17th Dragoons. He had the red cloth binding removed and replaced with medium blue, and a white plume, tipped in blue placed on the left side. This unique headgear was to add to the distinctive appearance of the Guard.

Dragon, 17th Light Dragoons, 1777.  
*Black leather helmet, white metal crest, red horsehair mane. Red turban bound with white lace. Motto painted in white. White shirt, black stock. Red coat, white collar, cuffs, lapels and lining. White epaulettes and lace. White metal buttons. White waistcoat and breeches. White belts and black pouches. Black boots.*



**ACTUAL LIFE GUARDS HELMET**



**REPLICA LIFE GUARDS HELMET,  
SHOWING WHAT WAS REMOVED.**

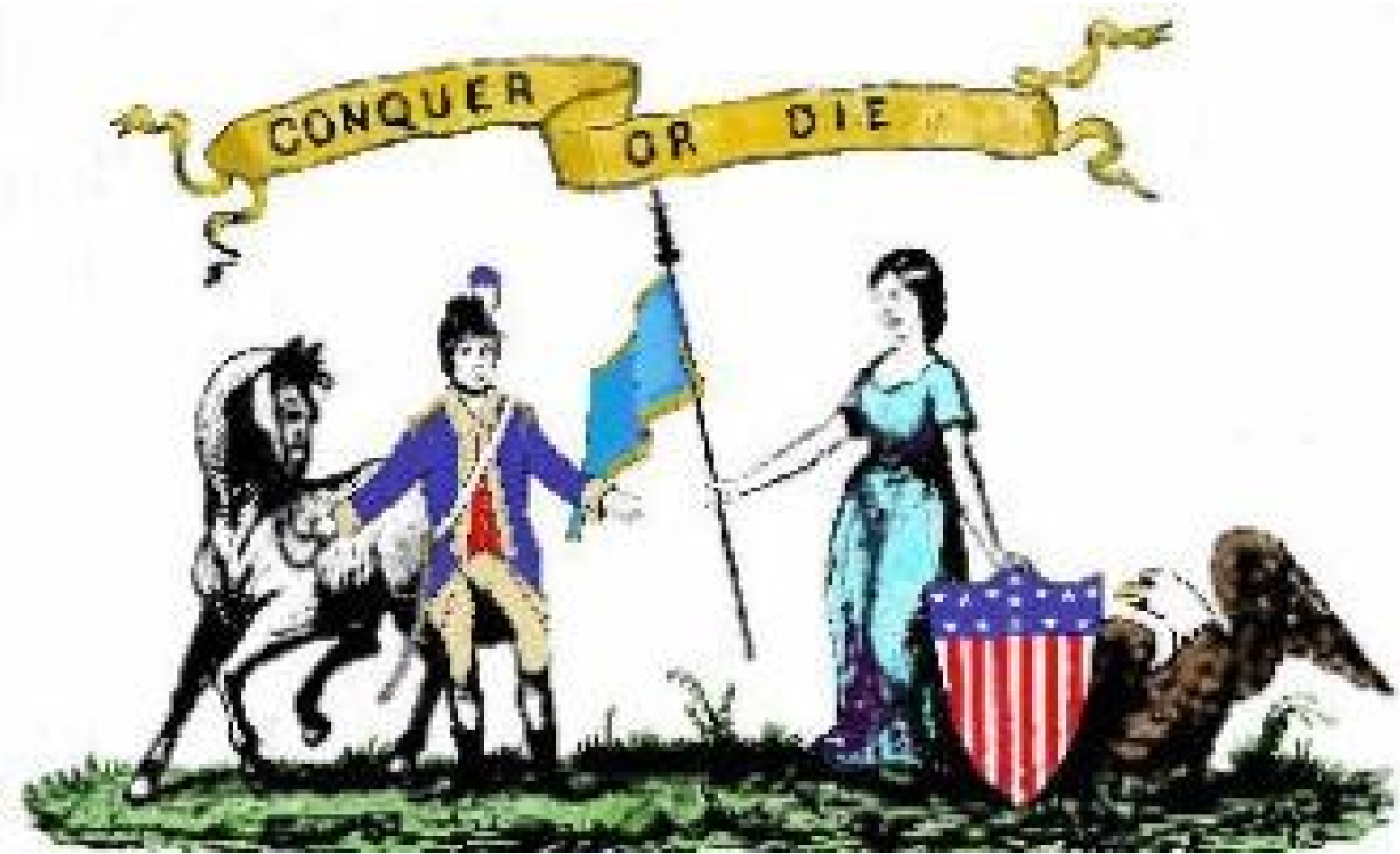


**REPLICA LIFE  
GUARDS HELMET**

# HIS EXCELLENCY'S GUARD FLAG

**“THE FLAG IS WHITE SILK, ON WHICH THE DEVICE IS NEATLY PAINTED. ONE OF THE GUARD IS SEEN HOLDING A HORSE AND IS IN THE ACT OF RECEIVING A FLAG FROM THE GENIUS OF LIBERTY, WHO IS PERSONIFIED AS A WOMAN LEANING UPON THE UNION SHIELD, NEAR WHICH IS THE AMERICAN EAGLE. THE MOTTO OF THE CORPS, “CONQUER OR DIE,” IS UPON A RIBBON.”**

From THE PICTORIAL FIELD-BOOK OF THE REVOLUTION, Vol. II, by Benson J. Lossing, 1852



## **THE HICKEY MUTINY TREASON WITHIN THE LIFE GUARDS**

**Thomas Hickey** was a Continental Army soldier in the Revolutionary War, and the first person to be executed by the Continental Army for "mutiny, sedition, and treachery".

Born in Ireland, Hickey came to America as a soldier in the British Army and fought in the French and Indian War. He later joined the Patriot cause when the American Revolution broke out, and became part of Washington's Life Guard. Hickey was jailed on 15-Jun-1776 for passing counterfeit money; during this incarceration, he told another prisoner he was part of a conspiracy. Hickey was convicted of mutiny and sedition by a court-martial on 26-Jun-1776, and two days later was hanged on the Common in the presence of 20,000 spectators.

Following the Hickey mutiny, the Life Guards were completely reconstituted with native born soldiers. Both John Daws and William Logan were members of this reconstituted unit.

**JOHN DAWS**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather of GERALD D. DAWES, Jr. (Chip)**

**DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DAWS TO GERALD D. DAWES, Jr.**

John Daws, 1750-1817, Lunenburg CO., VA., Mecklenburg CO., VA.

Thomas Daws 1795-1850, Mecklenburg CO, VA, Jackson CO, TN

William Daws 1823-1907, Mecklenburg CO, VA, Jackson CO, TN

John Savage Daws 1855-1945, Jackson CO, TN, Jackson CO TN

Oliver Daws, 1890-1976, Conejos CO, CO, Putnam CO, TN

Willie Savage (Bill) Dawes, 1910-1981, Jackson CO,

TN

Gerald D. Dawes, 1937-2022, Jackson CO,

TN

**Gerald D. Dawes Jr, 1962-**

**Zachary Dawes, 1992-**

**Charles Dawes, 1996-**

# **JOHN DAWES BIO INFORMATION**

John Daws' father was James Daws, born by 1729, Lunenburg CO, VA

John married Elizabeth Moore in Mecklenburg CO, VA

John & Elizabeth had 10 children each named in John's Will of 1817

They were from the part of Lunenburg CO which became Mecklenburg CO when that county was formed in 1765



Elizabeth Moore's parents were Thomas Moore & Mary Farrar  
(daughter of Judith Jefferson and George Farrar)

George Farrar's ancestor William Farrar was a subscriber to the third charter of the Virginia Company arriving in Virginia in 1617

# Service record of John Dawes

- John Daws enlisted in the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment (Captain Edward Garland's Company) on 08-March-1777 and transferred into the Commander in Chief's Guard on 01-May-1777 in Morristown, NJ
- Battle of Brandywine, NJ 11-Sep-1777
- Battle of Germantown, PA 04-Oct-1777
- Battle of Monmouth, NJ 28-Jun-1778
- At Valley Forge Dec 1777 – Jun 1778
- Discharged West Point, NY 16-Nov-1779

# **WILLIAM LOGAN BIO INFORMATION**

FATHER – DAVID LOGAN

MOTHER – JANE LOYAL MCKINLEY

BORN 1706-CO. ARMAGH, N. IRE.

BORN 1719-COUNTY ARMAGH, N. IRE.

PARENTS EMIGRATED TO PHILADELPHIA IN 1737, MARRIED 22 MAY, 1739,  
PENNSYLVANIA

MAY, 1740, DAVID RECEIVED A HEADRIGHT GRANT FOR LAND IN VIRGINIA

William LOGAN was born on FEB 11, 1745,  
in Tinkling Springs, Augusta Co., Virginia.



WILLIAM LOGAN BAPTIZED JULY 16, 1749 AT TINKLING SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH, AUGUSTA CO., VA.

MARRIED NANCY AGNES MCCOUN, AUG. 5, 1775, BOTETOURT CO. VA.

DIED JULY 17, 1796, LINCOLN CO., KENTUCKY



# **WILLIAM LOGAN**

**William LOGAN was born on FEB 11, 1745, in Tinkling Springs, Augusta Co., Virginia. He was christened on JUL 14, 1749, in Tinkling Springs, Augusta Co., Virginia. He died on JUL 17, 1796, in , Lincoln Co., Kentucky.**

**He married Nancy Agnes McCown in Botetourt Co., Virginia. The marriage date is Aug. 5, 1775, the date of the marriage bond. Agnes and William were with Daniel Boone in Kentucky. They assisted with the building of Harrodsburg.**

**William Logan was a pioneer settler of Lincoln Co., KY when it was part of Kentucky Co, VA. In 1779 he was listed as a member of the company of militia at Logan's Station (St. Asaphs; Fort), commanded by his brother, Capt. (later Gen.) Benjamin Logan.**

**He served in the Virginia Militia from 1776 to 1784 from Augusta and Kentucky counties, Virginia.**



**WILLIAM LOGAN**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Great-grandfather of Gary C. Mitchell**  
**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM LOGAN TO GARY C. MITCHELL**

**WILLIAM LOGAN, 1749-1796, BOTETOURT CO., VA., LINCOLN CO., KY.**

**HUGH LOGAN, 1776-1847, BOTETOURT CO., VA., PULASKI CO., KY.**

**LINCOLN LOGAN, 1799-1844, LINCOLN CO., KY., PULASKI CO., KY.**

**COLUMBUS HUGH LOGAN, 1822-1914, PULASKI CO., KY., PLATTE CO., MO.**

**HETTIE FLORET LOGAN, 1855-1945, CLAY CO, MO., PLATTE CO., MO.**

**ADELINE ELLEN PATTON, 1889-1973, PLATTE CO., MO, JACKSON CO., MO.**

**C. VIRGINIA BROWN, 1912-2008, PLATTE CO., MO., JACKSON CO., MO.**

**GARY C. MITCHELL, 1948-PRESENT, JACKSON CO., MO.**

23<sup>rd</sup> CONTINENTAL  
REGIMENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 1776  
PAY FOR SEPT., 1776

Benjamin Logan,  
William's Brother

William Logan

No 60

Cromb Pond Nov. 29 1776

We the subscribers Privates in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment have reciev'd of John Sherman Pay Master for said Regiment our Wages in full for the Month of Sept. 1776. Amounts to Two Pounds each Lawful Money

- Benjamin Logan
- Joshua Batters
- William Bump
- James Bonney
- Abner Bangs
- Benjamin Crocker
- Mahetiah Cobb
- Samuel Casper
- Samuel Casper
- Nathaniel Carter
- John Perry
- John King
- Samuel Lawrence
- Bela Lucas
- Benjamin Lucas
- Elijah Lucas
- Zelubin Lyon
- Nicholas Beach
- Reuben Muzzum
- John Phillips
- Ephraim Orab
- Samuel Phelps
- Thomas Oysterman
- William Sepley
- Richard Rickard
- Deleg Stevens
- Ephraim Stewart
- Jesse Swift
- Timothy Swinton
- William Surman
- Rufus Sherman
- Sarah de Wolff

No 69

Cromb Pond Nov. 29 1776

We the subscribers Privates in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment have reciev'd of John Sherman Pay Master for said Regiment our Wages in full for the Month of September 1776. Amounting Two Pounds each Lawful Money

- John Blankinship
- Elkennah Coleman
- James Foster
- Joseph Mathamberslin
- Humphrey Burrell
- Nathan Parker
- Elijah Dyer
- Solomon Drake
- Joseph Rice
- David Turner
- James Chocon
- Andrew Hill
- John Shea
- Benjamin Smith
- Joshua Wiley
- Joseph Ward
- Edward Fenner
- William Logan
- Caleb Wood
- James James
- Joseph Peterfon
- Nathaniel Spelman
- Theophilus Southworth
- John Chapman
- Stephen Sobey
- Gideon Parkman
- Mathias Tillage
- Sam. Taconat
- Samuel Gasfroy
- Thomas Glover
- Barnabas Lottrop
- Bela Noyes
- Joshua Beal
- Abel Garner
- Simon Proulx
- John Buller

Benjamin Logan

William Logan

WILLIAM LOGAN, 12<sup>TH</sup> VIRGINIA,  
COLONEL JAMES WOOD  
CAPT. JOSEPH MITCHELL'S COMPANY  
JUNE 30, 1777  
ENLISTED APRIL 1, 1777  
TAKEN INTO WASHINGTON'S GUARDS, JUNE 10, 1777

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*Wm Logan,*

Sergh, { Capt. Joseph Mitchel's Company of  
the 12th Virginia Regiment, com-  
manded by Col. James Wood.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on  
Company Pay Roll  
of the organization named above commencing  
*from Enlistment to last*  
*day of June* ....., 1777,  
Commencement of pay *April 1* ....., 1777.  
Time of service *2 mos. 9 days*.  
Pay per month *8 dollars*.  
Pay per day *1-4/4*.  
Amount *58-108-5/4d.*

Remarks:  
*Tak<sup>n</sup> in the Guard June 10.*

*Husley*  
(545h) Copyist.

MUSTER ROLL

WASHINGTON'S GUARDS

CAPTAIN CALEB GIBBS

AUGUST 11, 1777

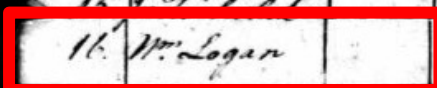
A Muster Roll of His Excellency General Washington's Guards commanded  
by Capt. Caleb Gibbs - taken Aug<sup>r</sup> 11. 1777

Commissioned } Capt. Caleb Gibbs  
St. Henry P. Livingston

No.	Sergants	App <sup>d</sup> .	Remarks	No.	Corporals	App <sup>d</sup> .	Remarks	No.	Pipers	Enl <sup>d</sup>	Remarks
1.	David Rice	June 4.		1.	W. Mackin	June 4.		1.	Jas Manning		
2.	Frederick Young	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>		2.	Th <sup>o</sup> . Holland	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>					
3.	W <sup>o</sup> . Cunningham	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>		3.	Henry Sparks	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>					
4.	John Martin	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>		4.	Levi Tolbert	D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>					

No.	Privates	Enl <sup>d</sup>	Remarks	No.	Privates	Enl <sup>d</sup>	Remarks	No.	Privates	Enl <sup>d</sup>	Remarks
1.	Thomas Howl			17.	W <sup>o</sup> . Corson			33.	John Standard		in hospital
2.	Sam <sup>l</sup> . Linkstone			18.	John English			34.	W <sup>o</sup> . Palmer		
3.	W <sup>o</sup> . Harris			19.	Robt. Wadsworth			35.	Henry Pullen		
4.	John Hodgill		in hospital	20.	W <sup>o</sup> . Roach			36.	John Edge		
5.	W <sup>o</sup> . [unclear]		D <sup>o</sup> -D <sup>o</sup>	21.	John Dams			37.	W <sup>o</sup> . Cooper		
6.	Joseph Barker			22.	John Jones			38.	Robt. Christian		
7.	George Hemister			23.	Robt. Preston			39.	W <sup>o</sup> . Warrington		
8.	John Bell			24.	John Smith			40.	Jas Cheweth		tend on the sick
9.	W <sup>o</sup> . Bourne		sick at Morris	25.	James Johnson			41.	And <sup>o</sup> . Writchett		
10.	W <sup>o</sup> . Gile			26.	Henry Randolph			42.	Ge. Albin		
11.	W <sup>o</sup> . Barham		in hospital	27.	Ben. Lester			43.	W <sup>o</sup> . Jones		
12.	W <sup>o</sup> . Shell			28.	David Ashby			44.	John Burdine		sick at Morris
13.	Ruben Odell			29.	Jos. Stripe			45.	Ray Elder		
14.	Diam Robinson			30.	John Herig			46.	W <sup>o</sup> . Pace		in hospital
15.	W <sup>o</sup> . [unclear]			31.	Th <sup>o</sup> . Allen			47.	W <sup>o</sup> . Price		
16.	W <sup>o</sup> . Logan			32.	W <sup>o</sup> . [unclear]						



Aug<sup>r</sup> 11. 1777. Then mustered Capt. Caleb Gibbs's Company as specified in the above Roll.

W<sup>o</sup>. Bradford Jun<sup>r</sup>  
27th 1777

Commander-in-Chief's Continental Guard. Continental Troops.

Wm Logan  
Pvt. (His Excellency, General Washington's Guards, commanded by Capt. Caleb Gibbs.\*  
(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on Muster Roll of the organization named above for the month of taken Aug 11, 1777.  
Roll dated Aug 11, 1777.

Appointed ..... 17  
Commissioned ..... 17  
Enlisted ..... 17  
Term of enlistment .....  
Time since last muster or enlistment .....

Alterations since last muster .....  
Casualties .....

Remarks: .....

Next muster roll on file May 1778

\* This organization was also known as The Commander-in-Chief's Guard.

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Pay Roll of the Independent Company  
 of the Independent Company, Commanded by Capt. Caleb  
 Gibbs, for the month of March 1778

Names	Rank	Company	Time in Service	Pay	Subsistence	Amount & Remarks
Caleb Gibbs	Capt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	40	0	40
John King	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
Andrew Young	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Williams	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Jones	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
David Rice	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
James Hamilton	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Smith	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Brown	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John White	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Black	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Green	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Grey	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Blue	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Red	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Yellow	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Purple	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Pink	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Orange	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Olive	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Stone	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Glass	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Wood	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Iron	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Lead	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Tin	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Copper	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Silver	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Gold	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Platinum	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Palladium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Iridium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Rhodium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Selenium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Tellurium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Bismuth	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Antimony	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Arsenic	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Mercury	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Zinc	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Cadmium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Barium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Strontium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Calcium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Magnesium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Sodium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Potassium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Rubidium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Cesium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Francium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Radium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Actinium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Thorium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Protactinium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Uranium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Neptunium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Plutonium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Americium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Curium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Berkelium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Californium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Einsteinium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Fermium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Mendelevium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Nobelium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Lawrencium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Rutherfordium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Dubnium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Seaborgium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Bohrium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Hassium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Meitnerium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Darmstadtium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Roentgenium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Copernicium	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Tennessine	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1
John Oganesson	Pvt.	Ind. Co.	1 M <sup>o</sup>	1	0	1

MUSTER ROLL  
 WASHINGTON'S GUARDS  
 COMMANDER:  
 CAPTAIN CALEB GIBBS

Wm. Logan, Pvt.

I have examined the above and find the names  
 right and that there is due to Capt. Gibbs's  
 Independent Company Three hundred & forty  
 three dollars  
 Wm. Patbury Bell

W. P. Livingston Lieut  
**JUNE, 1778**

Commander-in-Chief's Guard. Continental Troops.

Wm. Logan,  
 Pvt., { The Independent Co. commanded  
 by Capt. Caleb Gibbs.\*  
 (Revolutionary War.)

Appears on  
**Pay Roll**  
 of the organization named above for the month  
 of Mar., 1778.  
 Commencement of time Mar. 1, 1778.  
 Commencement of pay Mar. 1, 1778.  
 To what time paid Mar. 1, 1778.  
 Pay per month 6 2/3 Dollars.  
 Time of service 1 M<sup>o</sup>.  
 Whole time of service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subsistence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount £ 2.-  
 Amt. of pay and subsistence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pay due to sick, absent \_\_\_\_\_

**MARCH, 1778**

Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\* This organization was also known as The Commander-in-Chief's Guard.

*[Signature]*

A Pay Roll of Major Jonathan Clark's Comp<sup>y</sup> of Col. James Wood's Reg<sup>t</sup> from Virginia for the month of July 1778.

No.	Name	Rank	Pay	Remarks	Am <sup>t</sup> of Pay			No.	Name	Rank
					L	S	D			
1	William Logan	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					24	Sam <sup>l</sup> Bathine	Private
2	John Smith	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					25	Benj <sup>n</sup> Jenkins	Serg <sup>t</sup>
3	Blayburn Massop	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					26	James M. Gowan	Serg <sup>t</sup>
4	Griffith Gibbons	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					27	John Moore	Serg <sup>t</sup>
5	Rob <sup>t</sup> Galtbreath	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					28	David Moore	Serg <sup>t</sup>
6	Rob <sup>t</sup> Poyles	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					29	John McDonald	Serg <sup>t</sup>
7	William M <sup>r</sup> Boy	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8	Sub Hospital				30	Andrew Wheeler	Serg <sup>t</sup>
8	Thos <sup>s</sup> Bate	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8	S. H. Serg <sup>t</sup>				31	Will <sup>m</sup> Roberts	Serg <sup>t</sup>
1	Henry Bushin	Capt	8					32	John Smith	Serg <sup>t</sup>
2	Henry Anderson	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					33	John Collins	Serg <sup>t</sup>
3	John Barnhart	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					34	J <sup>m</sup> Tanner	Serg <sup>t</sup>
1	Will <sup>m</sup> Smith	Drum	7 7/8					35	Wick <sup>m</sup> More	Serg <sup>t</sup>
2	John Bush	Serg <sup>t</sup>	7 7/8					36	Gen <sup>l</sup> Hill	Serg <sup>t</sup>
1	John Grinter	Private	6 7/8					37	John Shaw	Serg <sup>t</sup>
2	John Price	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					38	Isaac Fawcett	Serg <sup>t</sup>
3	Thos <sup>s</sup> Kitch	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					39	Robert White	Serg <sup>t</sup>
4	Augustine Brown	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					40	Thos <sup>s</sup> Ruffell	Serg <sup>t</sup>
5	William Morgan	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					41	Robert Murphy	Serg <sup>t</sup>
6	Anthony Maffey	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					42	John Lee	Serg <sup>t</sup>
7	Edmond Sears	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					43	Walter Stitches	Serg <sup>t</sup>
8	Rob <sup>t</sup> Gray	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					44	James Arnold	Serg <sup>t</sup>
9	Henry Green	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					45	John Dunahay	Serg <sup>t</sup>
10	William Brown	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					46	John Bartley	Serg <sup>t</sup>
11	Joseph Howard	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					47	John Sullivan	Serg <sup>t</sup>
12	John Peterson	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					48	James Hanson	Serg <sup>t</sup>
13	John Clark	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					49	Joseph	Serg <sup>t</sup>
14	William Robison	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					50	John Cornelius	Serg <sup>t</sup>
15	James Jackson	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					51	John Wood	Serg <sup>t</sup>
16	John	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					52	John Wolfe	Serg <sup>t</sup>
17	John	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					53	John	Serg <sup>t</sup>
18	John	Serg <sup>t</sup>	8					54	John	Serg <sup>t</sup>

Wm. Logan, Sgt.

JULY, 1778

Maj. Clark's Co.,  
Woods Rgmt.  
of Virginia

L | 4, 8 and 12 | Va.

Wm Logan  
Serg<sup>t</sup>, { Major Jonathan Clark's Co. of the  
4th Virginia Reg<sup>t</sup> of Foot com-  
manded by Col. James Wood.  
(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above for the month  
of June, 1778.

Roll dated Paramus  
July 12, 1778.

Appointed \_\_\_\_\_, 17  
Commissioned \_\_\_\_\_, 17  
Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_, 17  
Term of enlistment 3 yr.  
Time since last muster or enlistment \_\_\_\_\_

Alterations since last muster \_\_\_\_\_

Casualties \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

JULY, 1778

About May, 1778, the 4th, 8th and 12th Virginia Regiments (1776-1778) were incorporated and designated the 4th, 8th and 12th Virginia Regiment until about September, 1778.—R. & P. 410, 200.

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Copyist.

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*Wm Logan*

*Apr.*, { Capt. Nevill's Company in the 8th  
Virginia Regiment. \*

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above for the month

of *Nov.*, 1779.

Roll dated *Camp near Morris Town*

*Dec.*, 1779.

Appointed ....., 17 ..

Commissioned ....., 17 ..

Enlisted *Apr. 1*, 1777.

Term of enlistment *3 years*

Time since last muster or enlistment .....

Alterations since last muster .....

Casualties .....

Remarks: .....

\*This company was designated at various times as Captain Robert Gamble's and Capt. Presley Nevill's Company.

*Graves*

Wm. Logan, Sgt.,  
Captain Neville's Co.  
8<sup>th</sup> Virginia,  
November, 1779

L | 8 | Va.

William Logan  
Sgt Inf.

Appears in #

Book \*

under the following heading:

"A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of there full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781."

(Revolutionary War.)

By whom Received himself  
Day when Nov 3, 1784.  
Sum £79-16

Remarks :  
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\*This book bears the following certificate: "This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor's Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. PENDLETON, Auditor.

Aud<sup>r</sup> Office, 1 Aug<sup>t</sup> 1792.  
Teste: J. CARTER."

Vol. 176; page 196

R. W. Pearson  
Copyist.

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**WILLIAM LOGAN SERVICE, 1780-1784**

**CAPTAIN BENJAMIN LOGAN'S COMPANY (8<sup>TH</sup> Va.), in Kentucky (Lincoln) County, at and near Logan's Station (Fort), probably in 1779.**

**Captain Benjamin Logan, Lieutenant John Logan, William Logan (Benjamin and John Logan are William's brothers)**

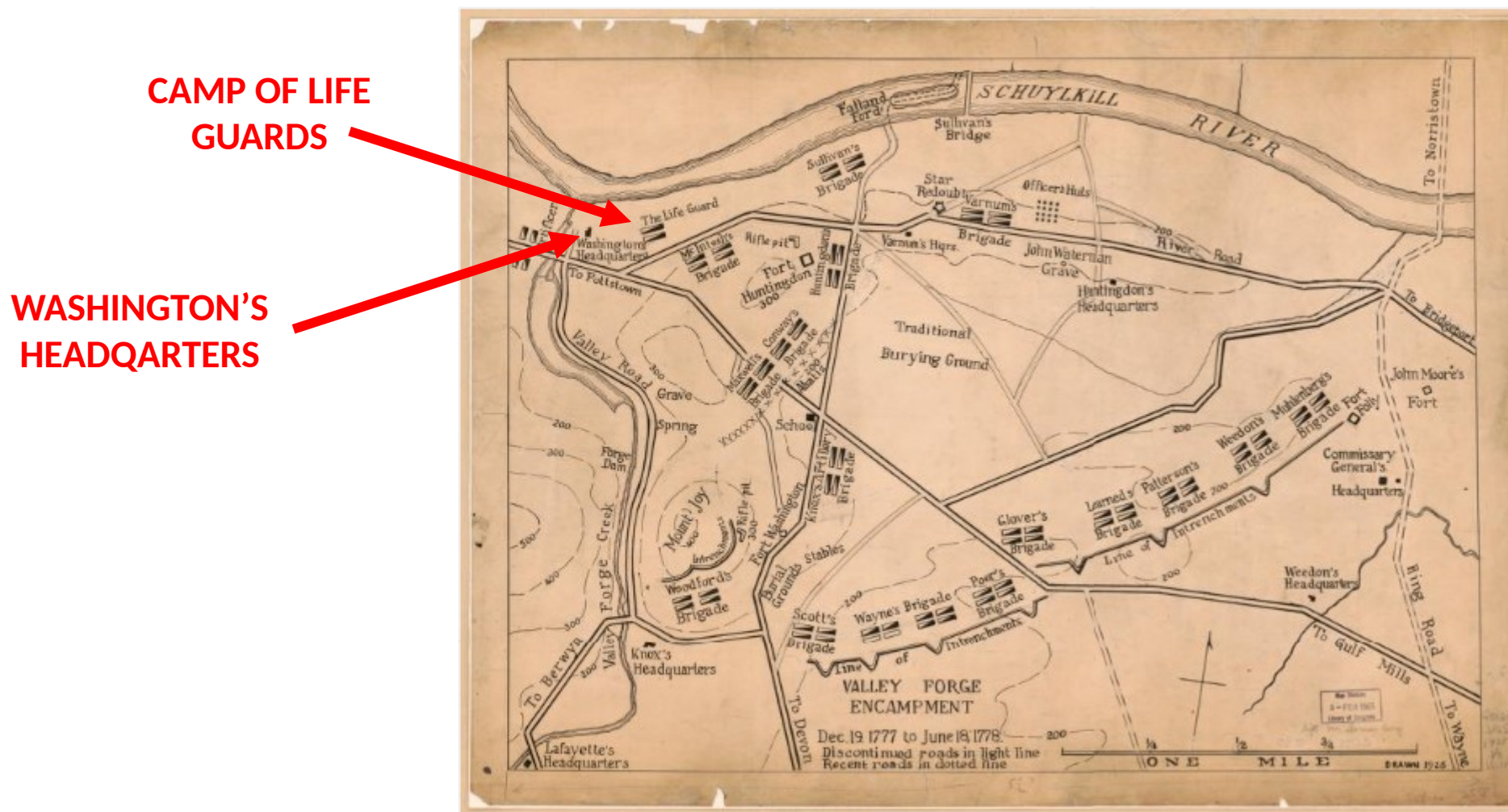
**Wm. Logan appointed Ensign in Captain Samuel McCutcheon's Company of Virginia Militia. (Qualified on 20 Mar 1782.)**



## **First to train under Baron Frederick von Steuben at Valley Forge**

In the spring of 1778, as a testament to the unit's professionalism and military standards, the Life Guards were selected by Baron Frederick von Steuben to fulfill the role of demonstration unit for the Continental Army. After being trained by von Steuben in the new American Drill, the Lifeguards moved among units of the Continental Army demonstrating von Steuben's methods and principles.

# MAP OF CAMPS OF UNITS AT VALLEY FORGE



# Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge



# Soldier's Cabin Valley Forge



# Valley Forge Muster Roll - John Dawes

Last Name: **Daws**

Last Name Alternate:

Last Name Alternate Alternate:

Suffix:

Rank: **Corporal**

State: **Virginia**

Regiment: **14th Virginia**

Brigade: **2nd Virginia**

Division: **5th**

Company: **Washington's Guard**

LifeGuard: **Yes**

Discharge Date:

Date of Birth:

Spouse First Name:

Comments for DEC 1777: **Life Guard**

Comments for FEB 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for APR 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for JUN 1778: **Life Guard**

First Name: **John**

First Name Alternate:

ID: **VA29315**

Gender:

Rank Type: **NCO**

Ethnicity:

Regiment Commander: **Col Charles Lewis**

Brigade Commander: **BG George Weedon**

Division Commander: **MG William Alexander**

Company Commander:

Enlistment Date:

Reason:

Date of Death:

Spouse Last Name:

Comments for JAN 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for MAR 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for MAY 1778: **Life Guard**

Reference:

Remarks: **TRANSFERRED TO LIFEGUARD MAY 1, 1777.**

# Valley Forge Muster Roll – William Logan

Last Name: **Logan**

Last Name Alternate:

Last Name Alternate Alternate:

Suffix:

Rank: **Private**

State: **Virginia**

Regiment:

Brigade: **1st Virginia**

Division: **5th**

Company: **Washington's Guard**

LifeGuard: **Yes**

Discharge Date:

Date of Birth:

Spouse First Name:

Comments for DEC 1777: **Life Guard**

Comments for FEB 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for APR 1778: **On Roll without Comment**

Comments for JUN 1778: **On Roll without Comment**

First Name: **William**

First Name Alternate:

ID: **VA29474**

Gender:

Rank Type: **Rank and File**

Ethnicity:

Regiment Commander:

Brigade Commander: **BG Peter Muhlenberg**

Division Commander: **MG William Alexander**

Company Commander:

Enlistment Date:

Reason:

Date of Death:

Spouse Last Name:

Comments for JAN 1778: **Life Guard**

Comments for MAR 1778: **On Roll without Comment**

Comments for MAY 1778: **On Roll without Comment**

Reference:

# BATTLES OF THE LIFE GUARDS

<u>BATTLES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>OUTCOME</u>
1. BATTLE OF BOSTON, MASS.	MARCH, 1776	LOSS
2. BATTLE OF LONG ISLAND, N.Y.	AUG., 1776	LOSS
3. BATTLE OF TRENTON, N.J.	DEC. 26, 1776	WIN
4. BATTLE OF PRINCETON, N.J.	JAN. 2, 1777	WIN
5. BATTLE OF BRANDYWINE, N.J.	SEPT. 11, 1777	LOSS
6. GERMANTOWN, PA.,	OCT. 4, 1777	LOSS
7. WHITE MARSH, N.J.	DEC. 5-8, 1777	TIE
<b>8. VALLEY FORGE</b>	<b>DEC., 1777-JUNE, 1778</b>	
9. MONMOUTH, N. J.	JUNE 28, 1778	TIE
10. SIEGE OF YORKTOWN, VA.	SEPT.-OCT., 1781	WIN

# SUMMARY

1. OUR ANCESTORS WERE TYPICAL OF COLONIALISTS OF THE PERIOD.
2. THEY SERVED IN THE FIRST ELITE MILITARY UNIT OF U.S. SERVICE.
3. THEIR SERVICE INCLUDED SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.
4. AFTER SERVING THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR FAMILIES AND LIVED NORMAL LIVES PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR ANCESTORS.
5. THEY EXEMPLIFY THE DESIRE AND EFFORT THAT ALL THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR AND WON OUR LIBERTY AND FREEDOM.

**GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO  
PRESENT OUR ANCESTORS TO YOU,**

**MEMBERS OF  
WASHINGTON'S LIFE GUARDS!**

**GERALD D. DAWES, JR., SAR #196541**

**AND**

**GARY C. MITCHELL, SAR #177324**