

Lee, John

Saint Paul's Churchyard Inscription No. 82 (Altar Guild Book)

In Memory of
JOHN LEE
Who Departed This Life
April the 19th, 1797
Aged 40 Years

Revolutionary War Service:

"Resolved, that it is the opinion of this committee that the several persons mentioned in this report, as being friends to the American cause, ought to be paid by the publick the several sums of money set against their names, being the value of their property in the town of Norfolk which was destroyed by order of Convention." - Purdie's *Virginia Gazette*, June 12th 1778

John Lee was identified as being a friend of the American cause through [approval](#) of his claim for losses suffered during the burning of Norfolk.

Attachment # 1: [The Virginia Gazette dated June 12, 1778](#).

Attachment # 2: [Journal and Reports of the Commissioners](#) appointed by the Act of 1777, to ascertain the Losses occasioned to individuals by the burning of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the Year 1776, pgs 5 and 9.

Additional Notes:

Tombstone inscription indicates John Lee died in 1797 at age 40. This would have him born about 1757. With his inscription is that of his daughter, who was allegedly born in 1766. While not affecting his name being recognized, the tombstone should be reviewed for accuracy either of his age at time of death or of the date of daughter Elizabeth's birth.

Ceremony Commemorative Printed Program Paragraph:

Lee, John. Identified as being a friend of the American cause through approval of a claim for losses suffered during the burning of Norfolk, Lee died on April 19th 1797 at the age of 40 years.

To the honourable the Speaker, and Delegates of Virginia
 The petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Elizabethtown
 River in the County of Norfolk humbly sheweth.

That by the burning of the Borough of Norfolk several
 of the Vestrymen of that said Parish were obliged to move into
 distant parts out of the said Parish; and others have departed
 this life, so that there remains only three Vestrymen in
 the said Parish; and therefore no Vestry can be held, by which
 the Parish Creditors lie out of their Claims; the Poor remain
 unprovided for; and the other Business of the Parish remains
 undone. Wherefore your Petitioners pray that the s^d Vestry
 may be dissolved, and that an Act may pass to empower
 the Inhabitants of the s^d Parish to elect another; or that
 your Petitioners may have such other Relief as you in
 your great Wisdom shall think proper.

And your Petitioners shall pray

Reed^d Jarvis
 Samuel Rogers
 James W. H. H.
 James Simons
 Bennett Mosley
 John West
 John Rogers
 Matthias Christian
 Rich^d Taylor
 Sam^l Bacon
 John Rogers

John S. S.
 Jacob Langley
 Arthur Cooper
 John Griffin
 James Shelball
 John Warren
 Seth Pointer
 John Meddick
 James Litch
 Joseph Taylor
 Gen. Bond
 Henry Wilder
 John Morley
 Math^s Morley
 John Morley
 John Millard
 John Wistarhouse
 George Farmer

John S. S. Rich^d Langley
 Thos^s Willoughby
 Samuel Willoughby
 Nathaniel Godfrey
 Thos^s Tabbot
 Samuel Plews
 Isaac Wayley
 James Williams
 John Williamson
 John Boggs
 James Brown
 Smith Bennett
 Rich^d Langley
 George Store
 Thomas Hall
 Thomas Govey
 William Nicholson
 William Morley
 Samuel S. S.
 Rich^d Langley
 William Taylor
 Cornelius Calvert
 Paul Proby
 William Smith
 Thomas Newton
 Geo. Hyman
 Philip Carbery
 Sam^l Fort
 Robert Tucker
 Math^s Calvert
 Hugh Kennedy
 Matt^s Phipps
 Pecon Dowdson
 M^r Freeman
 Geo. Gardiner

APPENDIX

NORFOLK CITY HUSTINGS COURT (1784-1800)

Abyvon, Marian 1795w; Allen, Hugh 1790w; Anderson, Robt. 1786w; Archer, Dinah 1794w; Archer, John 1794w; Armstrong, Jno. 1799i; Avery, Isaac 1799w; Bacon, Samuel 1794w; Bacon, Samuel 1795w; Ballentine, Eliza 1792w; Bathgate, William 1798w; Bayley, Wm. Armstead 1792w; Biggar, Matthew 1794w; Blaws, Thos. 1798w; Boggess, John 1790w; Booth, Thos. 1791w; Boush, Jno. 1792w; Boyer, Elias 1798w; Bradley, Jas. Whital 1786i; Brehm, Chas. 1794w; Brown, John 1785w; Brown, Bristol 1788w; Brown, Francis 1792i; Browne, Jas. 1796w; Bruce, Jno. 1799a; Brunet, Peter 1797w; Brunet, Peter 1798w; Burke, Saml. 1795w; Butler, Jno. 1792w; Calvert, Thos. 1785w; Calvert, Jonathan 1793i; Calvert, Jno. Savage 1796w; Campbell, Donald 1795w; Campbell, Duncan 1795w; Campbell, Wm. 1792i; Campbell, Alex. Jr. 1796i; Carter, Lemuel 1795i; Clark, Wm. 1796w; Cody, Simon 1796i; Cornick, Henry 1794w; Cowan, Ebenezer 1799w; Cunningham, Wm. 1797i; Denby, Jas. 1794w; Diack, Patrick 1789n.w; Donayhua (Donahoe), Edwd. 1797w; Donnell (Donald), Hugh 1790w; Driscoll, Thos. 1796w; Edey, Solomon 1789w; Faulder, Thos. 1797a; Finn, Jas. 1794i; Flyn, Jas. 1785i; Frazer, Robt. 1799w; Gibbs, Polly 1798i; Godfrey, Nathaniel 1797w; Gow, Anne 1797w; Gornto, Nathaniel 1797w; Gwyn, Thos. 1788w; Hall, Armestead 1797w; Hand, Jos. 1795i; Harwood, Peggy 1796w; Hatteredge, Robt. 1792w; Hatton, Thos. 1797w; Hayes, Robt. 1796i; Hunter, Jas. 1795w; Hunter, Jno. 1795w; Hutchings, Eliz. 1792w; Inkson, Eliz. 1799w; Ivy, Mason 1794w; Jones, Saml. 1798w; Keith, Ann 1796i; Kelley, George 1796w; Kelsick, Eliz. 1789w; Lathbury, Geo. 1786w; Lee, Jno. 1797w; Leitch, Jas. 1787w; Lindsay, Wm. 1798w; McClod, Geo. 1799a; McFarlain, Alex. 1799n; McGown, Archd. 1792w; McNeal (McNeil), Jno. 1792w; McNeil, Jno. 1792w; Maclean, Jno. 1799i; Maxwell, Jas. 1795w; Maxvaull, Simon 1791i; Mayle, Lydia 1792w; Miles, Chas. 1796w; Moore, Jno. 1793w; Morris, Thos. 1789w; Nassaw (Nashaw), Richd. 1785w; Nichols, Jas. 1787w; Neilson, Jos. 1784i; Newton, Thos. 1795w; Ogbourn, Wm. 1795i; Owens, Edwd. 1795w; Parker, Patrick 1796w; Payne, Isaac 1795w; Peters, Jno. 1797i; Phil, Herman 1791i; Portlock, Saml. 1788w; Portlock, Saml. 1790w; Precious, Matthias 1791w; Price, Thos. 1786w; Price, Lydia 1788w; Pryor, Jno. 1792w; Ramsay, Jas. 1797w; Rea, Sampson 1794w; Redman, Isaac 1796w; Reid, Jas. 1795w; Reid, Jno. 1795w; Reynolds, Saml. 1798w; Robertson, Jno. 1795a; Robinson, Jno. 1796a; Rothery, Danl. 1795w; Ross, Jno. 1793i; Ross, Jno. 1795i; Russell, Jesse 1796w; Scott, Robt. 1795w; Selden, Mary Ann 1799w; Sharp, Alex 1798i; Shellsman, Jno. 1796i; Smallwood, Jno. 1799i; Smith, Jno. 1794i; Smith, Temperance 1797a; Smith, Wm. 1785w; Smith, Wm. 1790i; Stetson, Geo. 1796w; Street, Benj. 1797i; Sweeney, Anne 1790w; Talbot, Diane 1789w; Terry, Thos. 1784a; Thompson, Francis 1794i; Tucker, Gawen Corbin 1789i; Valentine, Jno. 1796a; Vaughan, Jas. 1797w; Walke, Mary 1798w; Walker, Jas. 1796i; Wallace, Wm. 1799w; Watson, Jas. 1789w; Webb, Jno. 1794i; West, Charlotte 1795w; Williams, Jacob 1784i; Williams, Mary 1789w; Williams, Fredk. 1796i; Willoughby, Geo. Abyvon 1791w; Winter, Jas. 1796a.