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Virginia documents pertaining to Dick Richards and Lewis Richards VAS4211  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). This Lewis Richards may be the same soldier as Lewis Richards VAS4212.]

Declaration of John Richards dit Richar a nephew and only heir of Lewis Richards dec'd who was a Sergeant in the Illinois regiment commanded by Col. Geo. Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269] during the Revolutionary war and who is also a nephew and only heir of Richard or Dick Richard dit Richar a private in said regiment in order to obtain bounty lands due to his said uncles from the State of Virginia

The undersigned John Richards dit Richar of Vincennes Indiana respectfully represents to His excellency the Governor of Virginia that he is the nephew and only legitimate heir of Lewis Richards who served according to all he learned in his youth, many years as a Sergeant in the Illinois Reg't under the command of Col George Rogers Claark during the revolutionary war and that he is the nephew and only legitimate heir of Richard commonly called Dick Richards the brother of said Lewis and both his fathers brothers who served as a private in said Reg't that he always understood that his said Uncles came to Vincennes in 1779 attached to said Reg't and the evidence hereunto annexed he humbly trusts will afford full and entire satisfaction of the fact that his said uncles were well known in service many years in said Reg't at Vincennes and in the Wabash and Illinois Country and the only living soldier of Col Clark's Regiment now residing here is the venerable Gabriel Uno dit Patoon [VAS2249] who furnishes unquestionable testimony of the identity and services of his said uncles and of this declarant's sole heirship. The traditionary evidence annexed of Respectable persons born in Vincennes who are also acquainted with the services of his said uncles and with declarant's relationship & heirship may serve to fortify the knowledge of Gabriel Uno, as all the witnesses have been acquainted with the claimant from his childhood and some of them personally acquainted with his uncles – that the many years which have elapsed without application for the bounty land as aforesaid is solely on account of his not knowing how to proceed and humbly thinks should not prejudice his Claim.

John Richards hisXmark dit Richar

Signed & sworn to before me this twenty first day of May 1845  
James Thorne PJKC

[part appears to be missing] witness and being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he is now eighty eight years of age and served in the Illinois Reg't Commanded by Col Geo Rogers Clark with the late brothers Lewis and Dick Richards dit Richar the uncles of John Richards dit Richar who has made the foregoing declaration, they being the brothers of his father Baptiste who was a youth during the revolution. That the said Lewis was a Sergeant and his brother Dick a private in said Reg't – that they came from Kaskaskia to Post St Vincent under Col Clark in the year 1779 attached to said Reg't and remained in service several years after the conquest of Post St Vincent [25 Feb 1779] said Lewis doing active service as a sergeant and said Dick as a private as aforesaid – that the said Lewis and Dick have long since died without issue – that deponent was intimately acquainted with them both and has known said John Richards the Claimant from his childhood – that the said Lewis and Dick aforesaid deponent believes continued in service to the close of the Revolutionary war and he knows said John is entitled to their bounty land if the same remains dues them and unpaid.

Gabriel Uno hisXmark dit Patoon

Subscribed & sworn to before me this ninth day of June 1845  
James Thorned PJKC

State of Indiana }  
Knox County } Ss.

Personally appeared before me, James Thorne, Judge of the Probate Court of said County, Francis Laviollete and Amable Putvine who are now upwards of sixty years old born in Vincennes, and citizens thereof, intimately known to me to be creditable, who being duly sworn do on their oaths declare that they have invariably heard of old citizens and believe that Lewis and Dick Richards dec'd known [undeciphered] as Richard came to Post St Vincent with Col Clarks reg't in the year 1779 and that the said Lewis acted in the capacity of a Sergeant and his brother Dick as a private in said Reg't when the British were repelled from this post, and during many years afterwards – that of their own knowledge they state that John Richards dit Richar, the claimant in the foregoing [the rest missing]

[The following is in the handwriting of John H. Smith, Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims in Richmond VA.]

Report on the claim of Lewis Richards, a soldier in the Illinois Regt for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor

Sir, Lewis Richards was a Sergeant in Captain Benjamin Roberts' [S31343] Comp'y of the Illinois Reg't. He enlisted for 3 years (as the Illinois soldiers did, except those who enlisted for 3 years or during the war, or for the war.) He serv'd until Dec'r 31 1781 and then remain'd in service. one muster Roll & only one, and no Payroll of Capt Roberts' Company has been preserv'd. (In that muster Roll among the Illinois Papers vol. 1, Illinois Papers.)

Lewis Richards sergt Illinois Regt [undeciphered word] Sept 13 1782 (by Capt Ben Roberts) a Certificate for £25.5.4 $\frac{1}{3}$  of the bal. of his full pay &c afterwards, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1784, he receiv'd a certificate for £50.18.8 the balance of his full pay &c being  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the whole balance due him for his services. (see army Register S. line)

It does not appear, that this soldier ever receivd bounty land.

Respectfully submitted [the rest missing]