

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Martin Norris VAS428

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The Heirs of Martin Norriss respectfully represent to the Governor & Council that they presented a claim to Land Bounty in 1831 which was allowed them as heirs of said Norriss for his services as a Sergeant = that they obtained the deposition of Jno. H. Fallin Esquire a Justice of the Peace who states that said Norriss was a recruiting officer but they were unable to prove what station he held at that time as there are no officers or soldiers of the Revolution living in their County = that they have since found from the Book in the Auditors Office that said M. Norris was a Lieutenant & they here with file a certificate proving that fact. They refer the Governor & Council to the Department of Jno. H. Fallin upon the back [?] of the dept. Of James Norriss heretofore filed –

They pray an additional allowance of 2466 2/3 acres which including the 200 drawn as Sergeant is the amount supposed to be due a Lieutenant.

S/ Ves. Ellis for the heirs of M. Norriss

Martin Norris Lieutenant – State

200 acres of land have been allowed to Martin Norris as Sergeant of Artillery. The proof is perfectly satisfactory of his being Lieutenant of Artillery. The Executive has heretofore decided that the evidence of his service for 3 years is sufficient. This was the decision when the allowance is made to him as Sergeant. It now appears, that he was Lieutenant and that the allowance should have been made to him as Lieutenant. This Claim has been reported in List No. 2, as not yet proved by evidence of documents. Other evidence now fully supplies the deficiency of documents. I report the Petition reasonable, for a Lieutenant's bounty, for a service of 3 years – deducting there from the 200 acres of Land, which have been already received – I have nothing more to add –

S/ John H Smith

February 11, 1834

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia __ Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of August 1786, in the name of Martin Norris, as a Sergeant of Artillery for £66.11.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to William Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
19th day of April 183? [Last digit illegibly faint].

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 14th day of December 1786, in the name of Martin Norris, as a Lieutenant of Artillery for £40.5.5, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to William Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
19th day of April 183? [Last digit illegibly faint].

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR