

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Thomas Norris VAS430

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

[Note: the following papers on this file in the Virginia State library online collection under the name Miles Northam.]

It does not appear by the Books of this office that any warrant was issued to Thomas Norris for Land Bounty in the Revolutionary War.

Land Office

February 9th 1824

S/ J. Robertson, Junior Regt. Off.

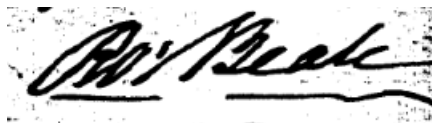
The Heirs of Thomas Norris beg leave, respectfully to submit to the Executive of Virginia, their claim to Land Bounty, founded on the services of their ancestor Thomas Norris as an Ensign in the Continental line of Virginia in the Army of the Revolution – In support thereof, they beg leave to refer to the concurrent testimony of Robert Beall and John Clark, who were both in the service – It appears from there Affidavits that Thomas Norris enlisted as a Soldier in the company of Captain Burgess Ball, (well known as an officer) that he was appointed Sergeant, and was afterwards promoted to an Ensigncy or lieutenantancy and that he died in the actual service of the Country in New Jersey.

That he died afar from his native State and strangers, and at an early period of the war, where those who fell, particularly in Subordinate ranks of the Army were forgotten, except by their immediate associates) will it is hoped, satisfactorily account for the absence of any Record proof of the station which he held in the Army.

[Note: No evidence that this document was signed by the petitioners]

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Norris he entered the Army of the Revolution on the 10th day of February 1776 as a Sergeant in a Company commanded by Captain Burgess Ball of the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment he continued with us until the British came from Princeton upon us at Trenton – he had been promoted to an Ensign and was left that night in command of a fatigue party at the Bridge when we marched into Princeton – I never saw him afterwards but was told he was taken sick and put to the hospital and died there I believe the British came upon us about the 2nd January 1777.

S/ Ro. Beall



[Attested in Westmoreland County in June 1834]

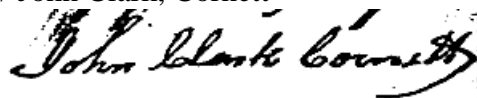
[Note: this is a mostly illegible document containing the signature of Eppa Norris, heir of Thomas Norris.



I John Clarke¹ of the County of King & Queen & State of Virginia aged seventy-five – do hereby certify that in the year 1775 in the month of October I enlisted under a certain Captain Burgess Ball, as also did Thomas Norris of the County of Lancaster in the month of February following who was made a Sergeant in said Ball's Company. The said Thomas was in a short time promoted to Ensign & then Lieutenant, & to the best of my recollection & belief the said Thomas was wounded by a cannon ball, sometime in the year 1777, in the neighborhood of New Brunswick or Morris town in the State of New Jersey, oath which wound he shortly after died.

Given under my hand this 20th day of May 1834

S/ John Clark, Cornett



¹ [John Clark \(Clarke\) W10625](#)