

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF THE ILLINOIS REGIMENT, VIRGINIA STATE FORCES,
COMMANDED BY GEORGE ROGERS CLARK

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[E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra (*A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1978) describes the origin of the Illinois Regiment as follows: "The largest and most complex unit raised by Virginia during the Revolution began its existence in January 1778 as a special militia regiment for the defense of the Western Department. Governor Patrick Henry's instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel Clark on January 2, 1778, authorized him to raise seven companies of fifty men each and to attack the British outpost of Kaskaskia on the Mississippi. Clark was also ordered to establish a post on the Falls of the Ohio." (The Falls of the Ohio are at present Louisville in Kentucky, which was then a part of Virginia.)

In January 1781 Col. Clark went to eastern Virginia where he was commissioned a Brigadier General by Gov. Thomas Jefferson and helped repel an invasion by Benedict Arnold. Clark then returned to the Falls of Ohio, and from April through November of that year he led a punitive expedition against the Shawnee Indians. On 10 Nov 1782 it burned Piqua, Standing Stone, and other Shawnee towns in the last battle of the Revolutionary War. In April 1783 command transferred from Gen. Clark to Maj. George Walls, under whom the Illinois Regiment continued to defend the frontier until about 1786.

Additional details regarding the Illinois Regiment may be found in the other pension applications noted in brackets in the following transcriptions, which are found at <http://www.fold3.com/image/#24619649766> et seq.]

[The following undated and unsigned document is the only original one among the three in this group. It appears to be a list of soldiers who claimed half pay for life, having served in the Illinois Regiment to the end of the war or as supernumerary officers (without troops to command). The poor writing and spelling make the list almost indecipherable. Shown in brackets are more probable spellings, or spellings inferred from the other two documents and pension applications.]

A list of the Clamements of the Illinois Redmt

Page Carten

Thomas Simeans

Wm Oreer [William O'Rear?]

Christiphir Keener [Christopher Keener]

Wm Tylor [William Tyler S14742]

John Mcmannes [John McMannis]

Geo Mcmannes [George McMannis]

John Mcmannes Junr [John McMannis Jr S17574]

Wm Elloms [William Elloms]

James Elloms

John montgomery [John Montgomery R16522]

Isaac yeats [Isaac Yeatts]

Wm Pritchett Sat [William Pritchett Sgt VAS287]

Peter Preast [Peter Priest W8530]

John Ash

Alleneaser Orsburn [Ebenezer Osborne VAS347]

John Lynes

Wm Cofer [William Coffey]

Wm Puresley [William Pursley]

John Johnston

John Saunders

Richard Chaneth

James Patten

Wm Bailey [William Bailey]

Wm Rubey Junr [William Ruby, Jr]

John Dohety [John Dougherty]

Jackob Pyeatt [Jacob Pyeatt]

Edward Wilson

Samuel Stroud

Barney Waters

Wm Montgomery [William Montgomery]

Chrls Bilderback [Charles Bilderback]

Andrew Clark artificer

Geo Lunceford [George Lunsford]

Mason Lunceford [Mason Lunsford S32387]

Anthony Lunceford [Anthony Lunsford]

Buckman Pitman [Buckner Pittman VAS209]

John Tavour

Wm Teavour [William Teavour]

Edward Worthington [R19205]

John Coldwater

John Moor [John Moore]

Thomas Moori [Thomas Moore possibly W564]

Henry Hatt

Mylan[?]

Geo Hup [George Hup]

Robert George Capt [R14396]

Wm Crump Sat [William Crump Sgt]

Vaulentine Thomas Dolton

[Valentine Thomas Dalton W3610]

Richard Brashears Capt [R12756]

Richard Harrison Lut [possibly R14762]

John Geralt Capt [John Gerault]

Moses Lunceford [Moses Lunsford]

Abraham Kellor [Abraham Keller R15580]

Wm Faith [William Faith]

Blan Ballard [Bland Ballard]

Wm Swan Indian naise[?] [William Swan]

Isaac Keller

Henry Tryenthis

Abraham miller [Abraham Miller]

Edward money [Edward Mooney]

Larrance Slaughter Ensign

[Lawrence Slaughter, Ensign]

Jacob Morris

Brian [illegible]

[Several illegible words] By Leut Williams[?]

Luman Kentan presents first Claim before the board of Commeners[?] as being at the Reduction of the Illinois and the different parts therein

Case of Artillery, Western Department.

Robert George Capt retained in Service

Richard Harrison first Lieut Supernumary.

Valentine Thos. Dalton Second Lieut, Captured by the Enemy.

The deficiency of those that have been enlisted is wholly Deserted at different times gennerally to the (obliterated) except those kill'd, a few discharged &c &c. G. R. Clarke [George Rogers Clark]

The foregoing is a true Copy of a paper with the endorsements thereon, contained in the 1st Vol of papers concerning the Illinois Department. I also certify that this paper appears to have been enclosed in a letter rec'd from George R Clarke, written from Cave Spring Lincoln County dated 19 Oct 1782 which accompanies this document.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 22 July 1835.

Jas E Heath/ Aud'r Accts for Va

[The following is evidently a copy of a record made at Fort Nelson at the Falls of the Ohio River (present Louisville KY). The year was not legible, but it is evidently 1782 or later.]

Return of the Officers retained in Actual Service, Also those considered, as Supernumary of the Illinois Regt., as they stand arrang'd. at present. Their Rank and dates of Commissions, together with the number of men that have been Enlisted to serve in s'd Regt. the term of three years, or during the War. Also of those at this time in Actual Service

First Nelson 1st September 17 (obliterated)

| Names of Officers considered as Supernumerary | Rank | Dates of Commissions |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| John Montgomery | Lieutenant Colo | 14 Decemr 1778 |
| Thomas Quirk [W5958] | Major | 17 August 1779 |
| Robert Todd [R18517] | Captain | 17 March 1780 |
| Isaac Taylor [W601] | Captain | 18 March 1780 |
| Richard Brashear | Captain | 30 May 1780 |
| John Gerault | Captain | 3 June 1781 |
| Michal Perault [Michael Perault] | Lieutenant | 10 October 1781 |
| James Colreet[?] | Lieutenant | 1 June 1780 |
| James Montgomery | Lieutenant | 2 June 1780 |
| Names of Officers Retained in Service | Rank | Dates of Commissions |
| John Bailey [John Baley (Baily) R19354] | Captain | 29 March 1780 |
| Abraham Chapline [R13134] | Lieutenant | 3 June 1780 |
| Richard Clarke [Richard Clark] | Lieutenant | 4 June 1780 |
| Gerrard Williams [Gerard (Jarret) Williams] | Lieutenant | 5 June 1780 |
| William Clarke | Lieutenant | 6 June 1780 |

Total Raised for s'd Regiment 276.

Twenty of which were enlisted by Capt Evans [Jesse Evans S15826] and (obliterated)

Total in actual Service Non-Commissioned and Privates

| | | |
|---|--------|-----------|
| | Sergt. | P |
| Capt. Baileys Comp'y 3 Sergt & 36 privates | 3 | 36 |
| Lieut Chaplines Comp'y | 3 | 36 |
| Capt Evans' recruits supposed to consist of twenty of whom } no just return hath been made, expected to join this Fall } | | 20 |
| Capt George's Comp'y of Artillery consisting of } three Sergt. three Gunners and fifteen Matrosses } | | <u>21</u> |
| | Total | 119 |