

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information of Thomas Ridley BLWt1850-400
Transcribed by Will Graves

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Va. Ridley, Thomas B.L.Wt.1850-400
Major—Issued Feb. 16
1798 to John Richards
Jr. Assignee
no papers

[Note: The file only contains the standard response letter indicating that the records of the war Department were destroyed in the fire of 1800 and consequently there is no information regarding this veteran other than the issuance of Warrant No. 1850 4 400 acres of bounty land issued February 16, 1798 to John Richards, Virginia, Assignee based on the services of Major Thomas Ridley of the Virginia line during the war of the revolution.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims honored by that state contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

I do certify that Thomas Ridley was in the Service of the United States in the 4th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment in March 1776 and was afterwards promoted to the Rate of Major, and as such continued to the end of the late War with Great Britain. Given under my hand this 30th day of July 1807 –

Jno Stith late Captain [John Stith]
4th Virginia Regiment

[the attestation beneath the above certificate more clearly indicates that it was signed by John Stith.]

I do certify that by an arrangement of the Virginia Line made at Chesterfield Court House February 1781, it appears that Major Thomas Ridley became a Supernumerary Officer and further that I issued the Commutations due to a Major of Infantry in his favor.

December 1st, 1795

S/ A. W. Dunscomb late
Asst. Commr Army
Accts Virga.

I do certify that by an arrangement of the Virginia
line made at Chesterfield Court House Feb 1781. it appears
that Major Thomas Ridley became a Supernumerary Officer
and further, that I paid ^{the} commutations due to a Major
of Infantry in his favor.

Dec: 1st 1795

John W. Caldwell
Adj: to the Army
Acct: 1782

[Note: There are 3 separate files dealing with Major Thomas Ridley in the bounty land claims collection of the online Library of Virginia,. There are very few documents in each file and some of them are not legible in the form posted. What I have transcribed above all the 2 documents that I could read.]

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Addendum to Thomas Ridley BLWt1850-400

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 13 Feb 2021.

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

I do hereby certify that Maj Thomas Ridley has been an Officer in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment for more that three years successively & has not been cashiered nor superceeded. Given at Richmond this [illegible] June 1783

[illegible signature of Abraham Buford S46372]

I do certify that Major Thomas Ridley was in the service of the United States in February 1776 and that he had a Captains commission at that period Given under my hand this 2^d day of December 178[?]

Richard C. Anderson [Richard Clough Anderson W1356]

Lieut Colo [undeciphered]