

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim of Clement Skerrett BLWt2047-200 MD [VA]
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The Hon. Lewis Cass/ Sec'y. of War Baltimore 7 May 1833

I am requested to enquire whether any provision has been made for Clement Skerrett a Captain in the Revolutionary War. Capt Skerrett has been dead for several years, and it is only within a very short time, that it has been ascertained that he left any blood relations in this Country. Be pleased to give this letter as early attention as you can & state what proof will be considered sufficient to establish the connection between the late Capt Skerrett & the persons claiming relationship, and in what manner this proof must be taken, in the event of his representatives being entitled to any thing from the Government.

I Rem Yr/ Henry Brice

Dept of War, Bounty Land Office/ May 8th 1833

Sir [Secretary of War] So far as the enclosed letter from Henry Brice Esq'r. has reference to a claim for bounty land from the U. States, I have the honor to report that, upon examination of the records in this Office it appears that Land Warr't No. 2047 for 200 acres issued on the 14th July 1789 to Clement Skerrett who was a Lieutenant of Artill'y in the Maryland line No other officer by that christian, & surname, is returned on the list of officers of the Revolutionary army, on file in this Dept. as being entitled to bounty land from the U. States.

I have the honor &c/ Wm. Gordon

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Petition of Wm. S. Moon the legal representative of Capt. Clement Skarrett Respectfully states that, Capt. Skarrett was an officer of the Virginia Cont. Line more than 3 years in the Revolution & never rec'd. any Land Bounty. The claim was heretofore presented and allowed, the facts being clearly shewn. The only point of difficulty in the case was whether Capt. Lieut Skarrett being originally a Maryland officer, transfered to Va was entitled to receive from Virginia. That Point after being considered in Capt Finley's [Ebenezer Finley BLWt2287-200] case was decided after much doubt & hesitation against the claim, upon which it was thought right to tender a return of the certificate in favor of Skarrett, which was rec'd. by the Executive [Governor of Virginia] & cancelled. The Extract from the Journals of Congress, now enclosed, will show that the original decision of the Executive was correct, as it has been recently determined in Capt McFadon's [James McFadon BLWt1079-200] case, turning on the same point.

The allowance due a Capt-Lieut is solicited by. Wm S. Moon & his attorney T. Green

Madison county Ohio

I certify that I was well acquainted in [Charles] Harrison's Regiment of artillery in the Virginia Continental Line with Clement Skarrett who belonged to that Regiment he joined it at the Valley Forge in the forepart of the year 1778 as a Lieutenant [several illegible words] with the regiment to the South and was promoted to a Captain Lieutenant and according to my best recollection continued in service to the close of the war in 1783. Given under my hand this 11th day of September 1822.

[Elias Langham, pension application S41747] late Lieut.


1st Reg't. Art'y Rev'y Army



Rich[mon]d 22 oct.

I do certify that I knew Capt Lieut Clement Skerratt of Col. Harrison's Regt. – was well acquainted with him & I believe he held his commission at the end of the war.

[Francis T. Brooke S8093]



I William B Wallace [S42612] late a 1st Lieut in the 1st United States Reg't of Artillery in the Revolutionary war commanded by Col Chas Harrison which was a Virginia Reg't on Continental establishment do Certify that I was well acquainted with Capt Lieut Clement Scarrett of the said Regiment and am confident Cap Scarrett commenced his services at the first raising of the Regiment in the winter of 1776-77 and am Positive that he continued his services to the end of that war hiving seen him for the last time in service at the Seige of York in Virginia [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]

Given under my hand at Lawrenceburg in Kentucky this 24 day of September 1822

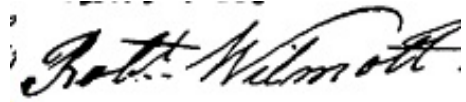
W B Wallace late 1 Lieut in
the 1st US Reg't of Artill'y on the Virg'a
continental Establishment



Burbon [sic: Bourbon] County Kentucky

I do sirtify that I was acquainted with Clement Skerrett who was a Lieut. in harrisons Regt. of Art'y. he joined the Reg't. at the Vallee forge while the army lay there & march'd to the South & continued in sirvis untill the Cloase of the war 1783 according to the best Recollection & belief as to his being advanced to a Capt. Lieut. I do not Recollect at this time tho he might of been Given under my hand this 26th day of Sept. 1822

[Robert Wilmott BLWt2415-200] 1st Lieut
in Harrisons Reg't. of Artil'y. in Va. Con'l. line
Test John T Wilmott



The rank of Captain Lieutenant, it is believed, was confined to the Artillery Regiments of the Revolutionary army. The officers holding it ranked with Captains of Infantry and have always received the same Land Bounty and pay. [Unsigned, undated.]

October 3rd 1780

Resolved. That the regiments of Cavalry, Artillery, and of Artificers, as they now stand, be considered as belonging to the States respectively to which they are or may be assigned, which states shall complete them to the full complement, supply them with necessaries, and in every respect treat them as if originally raised therein, and that such other states as now have noncommissioned Officers or privates in any of the regiments aforesaid, be credited in their quotas for such men, according to their numbers, from time to time for which purpose the Commander in Chief is hereby directed to specify such noncommissioned Officers and privates and the states to which they formerly belonged in the returns which he shall make to the states, and in his annual returns to Congress.

Copied from Vol. 3 page 533 of Journals of Congress.

T. Green

To the Governor and Council of Virginia

Your petitioners Matthew Bennet, and Harriet his wife, formerly Harriet Skerrett, and John H Griffith and Eliza, his wife, formerly Eliza Skerrett respectfully represent, that your petitioners, Harriet and Eliza, are the heirs of Clement Skerrett, an officer of the Revolution, who entered the service early in the revolution, and remained in it, as they have understood and believe, to the end of the war. He belonged to Col. Harrisons Regiment of Artillery, when the war ended, and held the rank of Captain Lieutenant, as the Certificate of his brother Officers shown.

In November 1832, the Land Bounty of a Lieutenant was allowed, but you petitioners, are advised, they are entitled to that of a Captain, which they pray may now be granted them, together with such additional allowances, as may be found due, for services over six years, after deducting the quantity already received; and your petitioners &c &c

Harriet Bennet} Executrix of Mr. Bennet dec'd. and self
John H Griffith Eliza Griffith