

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of Richard Claiborne BLWt470-200
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Colonel Thomas Meriwether, / Sec'y. to Council of Virginia

Sir./ To Colonel John Harvie Reg'r. of the Land Office, be pleased to issue the proper certificate for my proportion of Land agreeable to my Commission & Rank in the 1st Cont'l. Regiment of Artillery.

I am, very respectfully/ yr. mo. ob't. Humble serv't./ R Claiborne [see endnote]
Philadelphia/ 6 January 1784.



I hereby certify, That Richard Claiborne Entered the Second Virginia Regiment, in the year 1775 I believe as a Sergeant and continued as such until 1777 when he was appointed adjutant to the said Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant. In 1778 he was drawn into the quarter masters department by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], where he remained, as I am told & believe to the end of the war.

given under my hand this 26 day of May 1799 Alex'r Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood]
formerly Colonel of the 2^d Va. Reg't

On application in behalf of Rich'd Claiborne. I Certify, that an Account was settled by me, in which he was allowed pay as a Lieut of Artillery untill the fifteenth of Nov'r 1783 and that he also rec'd. certificates for the commutation of Five years full pay in lieu of Half pay for life –
May 29, 1799 A W Dunscomb late Comm'r Acc'ts for U States in Virginia

Sir Newport June 4th 1799

Your favor dated May 30, 99 came duly to hand – Inclosed you have a propper certificate
YrmostObSer't/ Alex'r Spotswood

I do certify that Major Rich'd. Claiborne entered the 2^d Virginia Regiment of which I was Major in 1775 and was encamped in Colledge green Wms'burg [at William and Mary College in Williamsburg] in Sept'r. of said year where I joined the regiment (in 1776 – the regiments time was out) – he entered again & was a Sergeant – (in 1777 he was advanced to the adjutancy of s'd Regiment with the rank of Lieutenant – and in oct'r of 1777 when I left the Regiment he was with it – (in 1778 when I went to camp I found Gen'l. Green had drawn him into the quarter masters department – (Mr Claiborne must have enlisted in July 1775 – every man in the regiment was enlisted for three years from 1776

June 4, 1799 A Spotswood/ formerly colo. of 2^d Reg't

NOTE: The first document is catalogued at the Library of Virginia under "R. C. Claiborne," the signature evidently having been misread.