

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of Richard Dorsey BLWt584-300
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Md. Dorsey Richard B.L.Wt.584-300—Capt.
Issued Jan. 19, 1793
No papers*

[Notes:

Richard Dorsey is listed as having served as a Capt. in the 1st Maryland Continental Artillery Company at the Battle of Camden: August 15-16, 1780

See: http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html

* The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 9-page file

No warrant for Land Bounty appears to have issued for the Service of Richard Dorsey in the Revolutionary war.

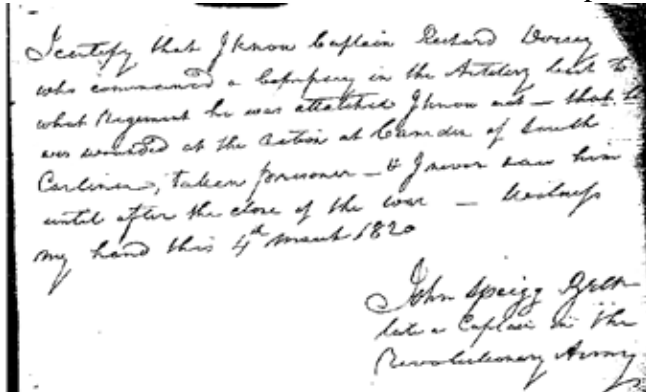
Land Office
22nd August 1822

S/ Thos. Miller, Clerk
Register Absent

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I certify that I know Captain Richard Dorsey who commanded a Company in the Artillery but to what Regiment he was attached I know not – that he was wounded at the action at Camden in South Carolina, taken prisoner – & I never saw him until after the close of the War – Witness my hand this 4th March 1820

S/ John Sprigg Belt¹
Late Captain in the Revolutionary Army



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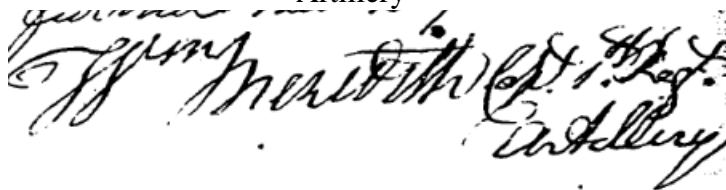
¹ [John Sprigg Belt S34644](#)

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State of Kentucky Warren County: SS September the 17th 1821

On this day came Major William Meredith² being of lawful age and of sound mind and memory and of good character Before me the underneath subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, And being by me first duly sworn according to law, Deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with a certain Captain Richard Dorsey, And well recollects that the said Richard Dorsey Served as a Captain in the 1st Regiment of Artillery belonging to the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary war And that the said Richard Dorsey Joined said Regiment in the spring of 1778 and he commanded a Company in said Regiment until he was badly wounded and taken prisoner by the British at Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] near Camden [South Carolina], And that he continued in the service to the close of the War. And further this Deponent sayeth that he served as a Capt. in the same regiment with Captain Dorsey. And further this Deponent sayeth not.

S/ Wm Meredith, Capt. 1st Regt.
Artillery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Meredith Capt. 1st Regt. Artillery". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

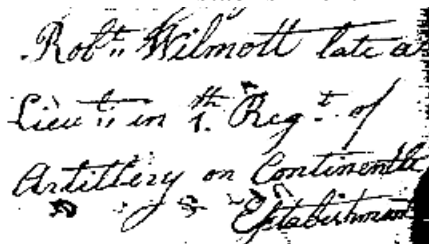
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State of Kentucky Bourbon County

I certify that I was personally and well acquainted with Captain Richard Dorsey of the Artillery in the Revolutionary war. And Recollect that he the said Richard Dorsey was appointed Captain of a Company of Artillery in the 1st Regiment in the Virginia Continental line and that he served as Captain in said Regiment from early in the Spring of the year 1778, until he was badly wounded and taken prisoner by the British at Gates's defeat near Camden in Carolina and further that I have every reason to believe that he continued in said Regiment until the end of the war. I served as a Lieutenant in the Artillery in the same line to the end of the war.

Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1821

S/ Robt. Wilmott [Robert Wilmott]³ late a
Lieutenant in 1st Regiment of
Artillery on Continental
Establishment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robt. Wilmott late a Lieutenant in 1st Regt. of Artillery on Continental Establishment". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

² [William Meredith S46393](#)

³ [Robert Wilmott BLWt2415-200](#)

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I certify that I have a perfect recollection of Captain Richard Dorsey who belonged to and commanded a Company of Artillery in the 1st Regiment of the Virginia Continental line from the spring of the year 1778 to the close of the war. I was a Lieutenant in said Regiment to the close of said war. Given under my hand this 2nd day of May 1821

Test

S/ Geo. Bennett

S/ E. Langham [Elias Langham]⁴ late a Lt.
1st Regt. Arty

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[The above certificate was attested to in Ross County Ohio.]

[Note: The index card for this file refers to an affidavit given by Sergeant James Walter, but that affidavit is not among the documents copied in this file. The index card also makes reference to "See also papers Captain Ebenezer Findley [sic, Ebenezer Finley],⁵ 1840".]

⁴ [Elias Langham S41747](#)

⁵ [Ebenezer Finley BLWt2287-200](#)