

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaiah Marks R16055

VA Half-Pay

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To the Hon'ble the Speaker & Gent. of the Huse of Delegates

The Petition of Isaiah Marks Capt. in the 7th Continent'l. Virg'a. Regim't. Humbly sheweth that your pet'r. being detached into Col. Bufords [Abraham Buford S46372] Batalion was with the said Bat'n. on the 29th of May last when they were unhappily defeated [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]. It was your pet's. lott to be made prisner stripped of his cloths papers and money and left on parole [promise not to fight again unless exchanged]. Your pet'r. continued thereabout a week assisting the wounded till surgeons arrived to their aid Your pet'r. now having reached this place on his way home made applycation to the Gov'r. & Council for aid in the cloathing way. he is Informed there is cloathing here bu the cloathyer being absent they refuse him any order. your pet'r. also having a sum of money due him from this state for recruiting 9 men as directed by act of assembly apply'd to the auditors to pass his amount but having among other papers at the aforesaid defeat lost his receipts they the auditors coud not allow it. Your pet. therefore thus circumstanced & far from his Native place without cloaths or money Humbly prays that your Hon'ble House will consider his case & grant such relief as your Wisdom & Justice shall Dictate

& shall pray &c

Isaiah Marks Capt.

June 24th 1780

Such parts as pray deficiency of Cloathing Rejected

Other parts praying to be paid the bounty for enlisting nine Continental Soldiers – Reasonable

State of Kentucky } Sct. I Thomas Marks, only Brother & heir at Law of Capt'n. Isaiah Marks do
Henderson County } upon oath testify, and declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that
the s'd. Isaiah Marks did enter the Revolutionary Army in 1775 [sic: see endnote] for the term of "during
the war," and served as a Captain in the Regiment No [interlined "say 56th"] not recollected under the
Command of Colonel not remembered of the Virginia Continental Line, and that he continued in the
service aforesaid until the close of the war.

I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to said Captain Isaiah Marks on the part of the United States, nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever. I further swear that I am not able to attend personally in Court by reason of old age, being 74 years old, & many bodily infirmities. [The rest is power of attorney.]

Thos. Marks

[The justice of the peace who took the declaration certified on 29 Jan 1830 that Marks was unable to appear in court because he had been afflicted with "the gravel" for 14 years.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky }
Henderson County Sct. } At a circuit court held for Henderson County Ky. aforesaid on
the 28th day of the sixth month 1830 before the Honorable Alney McLean Judge personally appeared Thomas Marks and John Marks both of Henderson County aforesaid, and being first sworn according to law did on their oaths depose that the late Isaiah Marks, a Captain in the Revolutionary army in the Virginia Continental Line died a single man, that the above named Thomas Marks is the sole surviving brother of the said Captain Isaiah Marks, and one of his heirs at Law in fee; that the said Isaiah Marks had one other brother Elisha, who died leaving John, Isaiah (dead), George, Mary, Anne, Sarah, and Crissy, or Lucretia – 2^{dly} John, who died, leaving John, Samuel, Benjamin, Elisha, Jesse (dead with heirs) Sarah Overfield alias Marks, Rachel, Margery Crews alias Marks, and Ury Rankin alias Marks – 3 brother, Thomas, the Claimant, and deponent in this case with heirs, Isaiah, Betsey,

NOTES:

The following service record is in *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution* by John H. Gwathmey: "Marks, Isaiah, 2nd Lieut. 11 C[ontinental] L[ine] Nov. 11, 1776; 1st Lieut. Mch. 15, 1777; wounded at Brandywine Sept. 11, 1777; reg[iment] designated as 7 CL Sept. 14, 1778; Captain May 10, 1779; trans. to 2 CL Feb 12, 1781; served to Jan. 1, 1783. Awarded 4,000 acres."

In a letter dated 25 Jan 1830 the attorney of Thomas Marks wrote to his congressman requesting that if Marks obtained a warrant for land that the War Department reserve for him a 300-acre lot as near as possible to New Philadelphia in Tuscarawas County OH.

On 9 Jan 1833 as a favor to "their friends in Kentucky," Craven Osburn and Hector Osburn of Loudoun County deposed that they had inspected the tombstone of Isaiah Marks and found that the date of his death was inscribed as 20 Jan 1785. A photo of the tombstone in the cemetery next to the Ketocin Baptist Church near Purcellville can be seen at <http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=14620>. The inscription reads: "In Memory of ISAIAH MARKS Late Capt'n. Cont'l. Army Who departed this Life Jany the 20th 1785 Aged 30 Years 9 Months 16 Days"