

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Todd<sup>1</sup> R18517

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To the Honorable William Brockenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Henrico County

Your petitioner respectfully represents that letters of administration *de bonis non* have been granted to him by the General Court on the estate of Robert Todd deceased who was a Captain in Virginia State line and belonged to the Illinois Regiment under the command of Colonel George R Clarke [George Rogers Clark]. That your petitioner as administrator as aforesaid is entitled to the compensation promised to the said Captain Todd in consideration of the faithful and gallant services rendered this Commonwealth as a revolutionary officer in the State Line. In support of which he begs leave to offer the following evidence. That the said Captain Todd entered the Army at an early period of the revolution and received his first Commission as Captain in December 1778, and another for the same rank in March 1780, both of which commissions accompanies this petition marked A.

Your Petitioner would refer this dishonorable Court to a report of a board of officers appointed by the Executive in pursuance of an Act of Assembly which said board convened in the City of Richmond in 1782 and among other officers reported Captain Robert Todd as entitled to the half pay compensation allowed by the Act of 1779 – That your Petitioner's intestate never did receive his half pay for any compensation whatever, will fully appear by reference to the Auditor's Certificate mark (B)

Your Petitioner prays the attention of this honorable Court to sundry affidavits of the most respectable man in Kentucky called the posing to the fact that Captain Todd continued actual service during the war and behaving himself and a gallant and Officer like manner. These documents are marked (C) and accompany this petition.

Your Petitioner further states that his intestate died sometime in the month of March 1814 as will appear by the affidavit of Thomas O Bodley accompanying this petition and marked (D). Your petitioner applied to the Auditor to issue to him as the executor *de bonis non* of Captain Robert Todd a warrant on the Treasury for the amount of the said half pay for life (to which) from 1783 down to 1814 the time the said Captain Todd died, which the Auditor refuses to do. From this decision your petitioner considers himself aggrieved and do appeal to this honorable Court for justice and to order and direct the Auditor to issue to your petitioner a warrant on Treasury for thirty-one years half pay of a Captain's rank in the Illinois Regiment.

S/ W. O. Butler

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<sup>1</sup> Va. Half-Pay

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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

Captain Blan W. Ballard<sup>2</sup> this day personally appeared before me George P Miller a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and Commonwealth aforesaid, and made oath that he the deponent became acquainted with General Robert Todd late of the County of Fayette and State of Kentucky sometime in the winter 1779 at which time he the said Todd was a Captain in the Virginia State line, in the Regiment under the command of George Rogers Clark commonly called the Illinois Regiment. He further says that he knew the said Todd intimately and frequently done military duty with him at various points, and that he this deponent always understood and verily believes that he the said Todd continued in the service as a Captain of the said Regiment until the same was disbanded at the close of the War.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of October 1829

S/ George P Miller, JP

S/ Blan W. Ballard

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State of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace for said County Captain Benjamin Roberts<sup>3</sup> who being duly sworn saith that he became acquainted with General Robert Todd late of the County of Fayette and State aforesaid sometime in the Spring of the year 1780 at which time the said Todd was a Captain in the Regiment raised for the defense of the State of Virginia under the command of General George Rogers Clark commonly called the Illinois Regiment, that this affiant belonged at that time in Slaughter's Corps which was attached to the command of General Clark, that this affiant became intimately acquainted with the said Todd in that service and that they served together afterwards in Wayne's campaign in 1794, and that he has no hesitation in saying that the said Robert Todd served as a Captain in the said Regiment until the end of the war.

S/ Ben. Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid this 22nd day of October 1829

S/ Geo. Bergen, JP

[f p. 15: Joseph Hite gave testimony on October 30, 1829 that he first became acquainted with General Robert Todd in November 1782 at which time Todd was a Captain in the Regiment commanded by General George Rogers Clark known as the Illinois Regiment; and that "affiant went in company with said Todd, at that time on an expedition into the interior of Ohio, against the Shawnees and other Indians, from which expedition, they returned about the 20th day of December in the same year, he further says that he never heard of the said Todd's resigning his said Commission of Captain but, on the contrary has always understood and verily believes he continued to serve in the said Regiment until it was finally discharged at the close of the War..."]

[f p 18: handwritten copies of the commissions issued to Capt. Robert Todd, the first dated December 20, 1778 & by Patrick Henry; the second dated March 17, 1780 & by Thomas Jefferson.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Bland W. Ballard W20655](#)

<sup>3</sup> FPA S31343

[facts in file: The veteran died March one, 1814 in Fayette County Kentucky survived by the following children

Doctor John Todd who in 1850 was living in Kentucky

Eliza Ann Butler wife of Major William O. Butler

Levi L Todd who in 1850 was living in Southport, Marion County, Indiana

Thomas Jefferson Todd who in 1850 was living in Indiana

The claim of the heirs of the veteran filed in 1850 was rejected on the grounds that the full amount of half pay and commutation had been paid by the state of Virginia prior to the passage of the act of July five, 1832 and therefore there was nothing to recover from the federal government.]

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Addendum to Robert Todd R18517

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 1 April 2022.

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

Feb'y 21<sup>st</sup> 1784.

Reced of T Meriwether [sic: Thomas Meriwether] a Certificate for Cap Robert Todds land Warr't  
[signed] John Todd