

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Worthington<sup>1</sup> R19205

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[Note: There is no application in this file. I have transcribed two letters, in part, to show what little information the file contains regarding this veteran.]

[p 10]

General Land Office

February 17th, 1853

Sir:

I herewith return to you the letter of Geo. L. Worthington of Yelvington, Ky., which was enclosed in your letter of the 14th instant, and in reply have the Honor to inform you that Land Warrant No. 8320 for 666—2/3 Acres issued by the State of Virginia August 27th, 1835 to Charles Worthington, one of the heirs of Edward Worthington, a Captain in the State line, was commuted into Scrip in September, in 1836.

The Scrip was surrendered at the District Land office at LaPorte, Indiana, in 1837 & 1838.

For information in relation to the "Commutation" of Captain Worthington, you are referred to the Pension Office.

I am, very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

(Signed) John Wilson

Commissioner

Hon. B. E. Gray

House of Rep.

[p 5: Letter dated October 31, 1929, in response to an inquiry regarding this veteran reads in relevant part as follows:

"I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.19205, it appears that Edward Worthington was a Captain in the Illinois Regiment of the Virginia State Line, War of the Revolution, and continued to serve in that capacity until April 22, 1783.

"After his death, the date which is not shown, commutation for pay for his services was allowed for the benefit of six heirs. Charles Worthington is the only one whose name is stated.

"In 1853, it is stated that Charles Worthington left seven heirs, names are not given.

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<sup>1</sup> Va. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050 197 Half Pay Edward Worthington

"It is suggested that you consult the Old Records Division, War Department, this city, for further information relative to the above named Edward Worthington.

Very truly yours,  
Earl D. Church  
Commissioner"

[The following records come from the Virginia State Library's online collection posted at [http://1val.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/U5DC4QF5HCS3FQ7Y6MFI1T6LASBYB7F8UPGJ2447VSVL1618SUD-20124?func=full-set-set&set\\_number=003016&set\\_entry=000001&format=999](http://1val.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/U5DC4QF5HCS3FQ7Y6MFI1T6LASBYB7F8UPGJ2447VSVL1618SUD-20124?func=full-set-set&set_number=003016&set_entry=000001&format=999) ]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 10th day of August 1784, in the name of Edward Worthington as a Capt. Inf [Infantry] for £497.7.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Broadhead and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 15th day of April 1833.

Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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{ No Seal  
of  
Office. }

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *April* 1833.

*J. E. Heath* AUDITOR.

[Note: there are documents in the online file posted by the Virginia State Library that include the following information attested to by various witnesses:

The veteran served as a Captain in the Illinois Regiment under General George Rogers Clark. The veteran died in the year 1784 or 1785 survived by his widow Mary Ann who married someone whose surname appears to be "Sprout"<sup>2</sup>; Nancy Worthington who married Luke Johnston (who is dead leaving heirs Betsy, Judy, Peggy & Polly); Charles Worthington; Peggy

*He would't*

Worthington who married Dabney Largent [could be Sargent<sup>3</sup>]; Edward Worthington who is dead leaving heirs (not named)]

*Pay roll of Capt Edward Worthington company of Cavalry stationed at the General under command of Col George Rogers Clark commencing July 17<sup>th</sup> 1778 & ending June 1<sup>st</sup> 1779*

No	Names of the Company	when entered in service	when discharged	No of days	pay per day	deducted money	Balance or Paid	Amount
1	Edward Worthington Capt	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1778	June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1779	319	@ 1/8	20 Dollars per month	-----	220-16-0
2	John Caswell	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1778	March 5 <sup>th</sup> 1779	231	@ 1/8	14 Dollars per month	-----	100-2-0
3	Thomas Shunkwitz	July 17 <sup>th</sup> 1778	July 5 <sup>th</sup> 1779	200	@ 1/8	10 Dollars per month	-----	10-8-8

*Detail Clerk June 1<sup>st</sup> 1779. How Paid from Colo. George Rogers Clarks the above account of seven hundred and forty four pounds seven shillings current money of Virginia*  
*Edw Worthington Capt*  
*John Caswell*

*Pay roll of Capt Edward Worthington company of Infantry of the Illinois Regiment commencing by Col Rogers Clark on the Virginia State Service from the date of the enlistments until the separable of one year 1779*

Names	Rank	Commencing	Ending	Time in service		Dollars per month	Amount		Qualities
				Days	Months		£	s	
Edw Worthington	Capt	1 June 1779	1 June 1780	366	50	183	0-0	Present	
Richard Clark	Lieut	1 June 1779	1 June 1780	366	31/3	112	10-0	Present	

*I swear that the within pay roll contains a true state of my company without fraud to the State or Army or Annual*

*Edw Worthington Capt*  
*Richard Clark*

*Pay roll of Capt Edward Worthington company of Infantry of the Illinois Regiment commencing by Col. George Rogers Clark on the Virginia State Service from the date of the enlistments to the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1781 continued*

Names	Rank	Commencing	Ending	Time in service		Dollars per month	Amount		Qualities
				Days	Months		£	s	
Edward Worthington	Capt	1 June 1780	27 Nov. 1781	1-5	50	255	0-0	Present	
Richard Clark	Lieut	1 June 1780	27 Nov. 1781	1-5	31/3	151	10-0	Present	

*I swear that the within pay roll contains a true state of my company without fraud to the State or Army or Annual*

*Ed Worthington Capt*

3 *Largent*

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Addendum to Edward Worthington R19205

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

[The handwriting of the following is extremely poor.]

Henry County & State of Kentucky SS

This day personally appeared in in open court Alexander [undeciphered] & David Welch who being sworn state that they were well acquainted with Edward Worthington who was a Captain in the Illinois regiment of Virginia State troops commanded by Colo. Geo. R. Clark known as the Illinois Regiment that he died in the year 1784 or 1785 & that Elizabeth Worthing [sic] who is now dead administered on his estate in Lincoln County Kenty They state they knew him well and that he left Mary Ann Worthington who is now Mary Ann Sproul & a widow & Nancy Worthington who married Luke Johnston both of whom are dead (leaving heirs – viz Betsy Judy Peggy & Polly) Charles Worthington Peggy Worthington who intermarried with Dabney Sargent both of whom are dead leaving heirs – & Edward Worthington who is also dead leaving several Heirs They state that those are all the Heirs of said Edward said captain as af'sd.

They state that they have known Mary Ann Sproul while in her fathers family & ever since & know her to be one of his children & Heirs And that the above six named persons are his only children & Heirs.

They have always understood he died intestate. They were intimate with capt Worthingtons family the said David Welch states that he lived some years in the family of Capt. Worthington & recollects to have seen his commission as capt in the Illinois Regiment but does not know what has become of it. They state that Mary Ann Sproul has resided many years in Henry County Ky & still resides there.

[certified 4 March 1833]

David Welch

Alex'r [undeciphered]

State of Kentucky } SS

Shelby County }

Bland W. Ballard [W20655] This day personally appeared in open court in & for the county aforesaid before me Samuel Todd the sole and presiding judge of said court & after having been duly sworn saith that he was private in the company of Capt Benj'a Roberts [Benjamin Roberts S31343] in Colo Slaughters [George Slaughter W8729] core under the command of Colo Geo Rodgers Clark. That he was well acquainted with Edward Worthington who was a captain in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Clark as af'd. That he knew him & that he bore the rank of Captain & did to the knowledge of this affiant command a company in said Regiment. This affiant continued in the service until the close of the war of the revolution & for some time after as a spie for Gen'l. G R clark some time call'd Colo Clark – that he knows & so states, the fact that the said Edward Worthington continued in actual service as captain as aforesaid untill the proclamation of peace & this affiant was present when said Capt. Worthington rec'd his discharge or notice of proclamation of peace. This affiant was well acquainted with said Worthington for many years after the war he resided in Mercer County Kentucky at whose house this affiant has been frequently.

[certified 22 March 1833]



[The following are from Virginia Half-Pay records on fold3.com. This file also includes a copy of the above statement by Blan W. Ballard.]

Williamsburg January 24<sup>th</sup> 1780.

To Capt Ew'd. Worthington of the Illinois Battalion – Gentlemen:

You are appointed and forthwith are to proceed, to recruit men to serve in the Infantry of this Commonwealth. each man is to receive at the time of his enlistment a bounty of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars to Serve during the war and the following articles of clothing. that is to say A coat, waistcoat, a pair of overalls, two shirts, a pair of shoes, and a hat to be delivered at the place of rendezvous, and with the like articles every year after during his service, to be delivered at his station, and will be entitled the same pay and rations as are allowed by Congress to the like soldiers in continental service, and during his continuance in the service will be supplied with goods by his State, at the following rates, viz. Osnaburgs at 1 s. 6 d. per yard, coarse hats at 7 s. 6 d. each, coarse shoes at 8 s. per pair, coarse yarn stockings at 5 s. per pair, rum or brandy at the rate of 10 s. per gallon, whiskey at the rate of 5 s. per gallon, and such other imported articles as may be necessary at the rate of 120 per centum upon the first cost, at the end of the war he will be entitled to one hundred acres of unimproved land, within the commonwealth, all soldiers who may be disabled in the service will be entitled to receive pensions during life, you are to be allowed one hundred and fifty dollars for each able bodied soldier you shall enlist and pass with the Officer of Review to be appointed for that purpose. You are to make return of your enlistments within two months from the date hereof by letter, and continue to make monthly returns thereof afterwards. the men you are to be rendezvoused at Kaskaskais [sic: Kaskaskia] or at such other place as Col Geo. R's [sic] shall direct and are to be incorporated in to his Battalion

(signed) Th's Jefferson

A List of the Soldiers Recruited by Captain Ed'w Worthington Company for three years or During the War in the year 1780 –

1	John Joynes	28	William Robison Dead
2	Isaac Booth Deserted	29	Patrick Mains Deserted
3	William Drinkwather D[itt]o	30	Mordecai McKinzey Des
4	Ric'd McDade [Richard McDade] Do	31	Daniel Williams Dead
5	John Hargis Do	32	Jonithan Swordern [Jonathan Sworden] Kill'd
6	John White Do	33	Christopher Halten Killd
7	John Moore [VAS732 & S11106] Do	34	Thomas Cox Deserted
8	Andrew Johnson Do	35	George Gilmore Killed
9	Lewis Brown Killed	36	James Estis Deserted
10	Zachariah Williams Dis[charge]d	37	Joseph Thornton
11	Rubin Camp [Reuben Camp]	38	Deserted
12	Ed'w Johnson [Edward Johnson]	39	Francis Harris Deserted
13	William Crump	40	David Allen
14	John Fulfur	41	John Bowdery Deserted
15	James Bryont [James Bryant S3051]	42	Patrick Sherky
16	Isaac Yeats	43	Ric'd Underwood [Richard Underwood]
17	George Liviston		Deserted
18	Charless Evans [Charles Evans W7123]		
19	Page Sortain Killed		
20	Moses Lundsford [Moses Lunsford VAS3964?]		
21	Moses Nelson [R7585]		
22	Richard Breeding		
23	John Anderson		
24	Archibald Lockard		
25	Henry Duvet taken pris'n		
26	John Nelson		
27	Enoch Nelson [R7588]		

I do Certify that the Above men was regulary Enlisted For the term of three years or during the War Except Moses Nelson

I have been well acquainted with Maj. Bland Ballard of Kentucky for thirty eight years personally and by character several years before. He is well known as an old Indian fighter, and soldier of the war of 1812. He commanded the advance guard at the battle of 18<sup>th</sup> Jan' 1813 at the River Raisin [First Battle of Frenchtown at the mouth of Raison River in Michigan Territor], in which I participated He is a man of high character, has served in our legislature; is known as a soldier of the Revolution & regarded with great interest in Kentucky as a relic of our older military times. A county in Kentucky with its seal of justice have been named in his honor by the legislature, Washington March 4, 1850.

I regard him as a man of veracity & honor and to his statements full credit should be given.

Jno M McCall

Captain Benjamin Roberts of the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky aged eighty two the 15<sup>th</sup> of april last 1832. This affiant being first duly Sworn deposeseth and saith, that Edward Worthington Deceased was a Capt in the Service of the Virginia line the Army of the Revolution in the Illinois Regiment and and was with him at the falls of Ohio now Kentucky while in service and continued in Service until the termination of the War, and further this affiant Saith not.

Ben Roberts

[certified 11 August 1832]