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Pension Application of Richard Montague R77

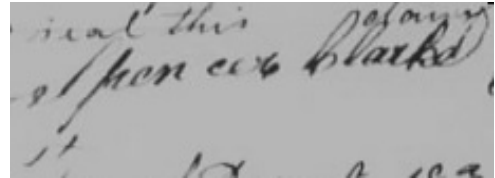
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State of Virginia

Middlesex county to wit,

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid Spencer Clark [W2529] an old soldier of the revolution, and made oath that he was intimately acquainted with Richard Montague of the county of Essex and state aforesaid, that the said Richard Montague was a Lieutenant in the navy in the revolutionary war – that he believes the s'd. Richard Montague was taken prisoner by the enemy sometime during the continuance of said war and kept as a prisoner until after its close and that the said Richard Montague did not get home until several months after the war had ended – that he recollects these circumstances the more distinctly because of the fact that the affiant met with the said Richard Montague at the Wharf in Tappahannoc just after returning home from his imprisonment and assisted in carrying his baggage home and he well remembers that peace had been declared several months before that time. In testimony whereof the said Spencer Clarke hath hereunto set his hand and seal this [blank] day of Decem 1832

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Spencer Clark". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

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

Near Louisville Kentucky Jan'y 7th 1809[?]

Sir I am favored with your letter, dated at Georgetown Kentucky the 21st ult Respecting Richard Montagues Land Warrant of 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres No 1432, and have to Inform you that the Warrant is lodged in my office, but it having come to hand after the Superintending Officers had made Location for the Officers & Soldiers who were not present, nor had not agents to act for them, it never has been acted on. I am sorry Mr. Montague did not authorize some person to get the Warrant Located, when the time was about Expiring for Locating those Warrants. I applyd to several of the Locations to locate it, but they would not Except [accept] I would oblige myself to give them one third, or one fourth of the land, after it was surveyd, Clear of all Expences to them, altho this was generally done. I did not wish to Oblige myself to do it not knowing who I was acting for. This Warrant being for services rendered the State of Virginia, and not for services rendered agreeable to the Laws of Congress cannot now be Located, the State of Kentucky now Claiming the lands gone by law to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia State line & navy, and will not permit the officers & soldiers Warrants to be Located or Surveyd, the State of Virginia as they say having gave them all the land in the state not Located 1st of May 1792. I am

your most Humble Serv't

W Croghan [William Croghan BLWt448-400]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "W Croghan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Montague, Richd. Illegible parts in brackets are transcribed from a copy in the federal file.]

This is to Certifie that Lieut Richard Montague Resign'd the 10th of August 1779 and was paid of in May 1779 given under my hand the 10th Nov'r 1779 John Hamilton Lieut [VAS3804; see endnote]
a true Coppy

This may Certifie that Mr Richard Montague served a Lieutenant three years in the State navy
[Fred'r. July 3rd] 1783 Eleazer Callender Capt
[N.B. Mr] Montague/ Entered in June 76 a Coppy

To The Governor & council

The memorial of the Heirs of Richard Montague respectfully represent that their ancestor the said Richard Montague was a naval Lieut. in the war of the revolution and therefore entitled to 4000 acres of bounty land that on the 27th July 1787 he received a warrant for 2666²/₃ acres leaving a balance of 1333¹/₃. that upon an application to the Register of the land office for the said balance they were informed by that officer that under the principles established by recent decissions of the Executive the said claim would be allowed but acting under the legal advice of the Attorney General he thought it proper to refer the matter to the Executive. your memorialists therefore pray your Excellency to direct the Register to issue a warrant for the remaining 1333¹/₃ acres of land

on the 27 July 1783 a military warrant No 1432 issued to Richard Montague for his services as a Lieutenant in the State Navy. No other war't. appears to have issued for his services.
Teste/ [illegible signature]/ L. Off [Land Office] 20 Feb 1838

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The heirs of Richard Montague decd late of Middlesex by J W Murdaugh represent that said Montague was a Lieutenant in the Virginia State Navy & recd a warrant (No 14332) for 2666 acres of land when he was entitled to 4000 acres – leaving a balance of 1333¹/₃ due which they pray may be allowed them
Augt 1830 J W Murdaugh

1831 June 7 Rejected

NOTE:

Capt. Eleazer Callender and 2nd Lt. John Hamilton were officers on the *Dragon* and the *Pocahontas*.

In the federal pension file is a copy of the last will and testament of Richard Montague of South Farnham Parish in Essex County, dated 3 Sep 1789, by which hebequeathed his estate to “loving wife Charlotte Montague” during her life, and to surviving children thereafter. He also gave to his wife his “malitia certificate.” His brothers William Montague and Philip Lee were named executors. The will was proved in Rappahannock on 17 Jan 1791.

The file also includes a copy of the last will and testament dated 14 Aug 1802 of Charlotte Montague naming her son Abraham Montague as heir, but in case of his death devising the estate to the children of her brother, William Montague: Clarasa Montague, Katharine Montague, and William Montague. She named her brother, Robert B. Semple, her executor. The will was proved at Tappahannock on 20 Dec 1802 on the motion of Philip Montague.

A Feb 1831 document names Augustus F. Montague, Richard D. Montague, Philip H. Montague, and Jane Montague as the only lineal descendants and heirs of Richard Montague, and it states that Philip F. Montague was the guardian of Jane Montague, and Erastus T. Montague was the guardian of Richard D. Montague and Philip H. Montague. A Dec 1832 document by Philip F. Montague, administrator of Abraham Montague, appointed Erastus T. Montague as attorney to obtain any benefits for the service of Richard Montague. The file also includes a letter dated Washington, 5 Dec 1849 from E.T. Montague,

guardian of the heirs of Richard Montague.