

certify that said Richard Rice was married to Martha Cotrell daughter of old Richard Cotrell of this County prior to the year 1794, and that my belief is that it was not long after the close of the war, for shortly after they were married, the said Richard Rice & wife Martha moved to the County of Rockingham Virginia where they lived 2 or 3 years, after which time they moved back to Henrico to Richard Cotrell's his wife's Father's and in about 10 years, he the said Richard Rice died in the County about the year 1800 as well as I can recollect. Given under my hand this 16th day of September 1845 –

S/ Joseph Brown, X his mark

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental 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 29th day of April 1783, in the name of Richard Rice, as a Soldier of Infantry for £57.11.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
9th day of April 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Richard Rice is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental line for three years Service

Council Chamber Samuel Coleman

December 3 1795 Robert Brooke

Buckingham 18th of November 1788

I assigned over my right, title &c for value received to Thomas Molloy his heirs and assigns forever.

Richard Rice, X his mark

The above is an extract from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

T. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office

[f p. 24: Mary Smoote gave testimony on April 3, 1845 that she was present at the marriage of Martha Cotrell to Richard Rice and that they were married in 1782 after his return from service. She states that she, affiant, is 78 years old. In a supplemental affidavit, she states that she remembers the wedding being in 1782 because it was the 1st wedding she ever went to and she knew she was 15 years old at that time. Barton Smoote also gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of Richard Wright's as a revolutionary soldier and of the fact of his having married Martha Cotrell.

Mary Smoote Barton Smoote

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia line for 2 years.]

The [Library of Virginia](#) online digital collection relating to bounty land claims honored by that state includes the following document that may relate to this veteran:

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Charlestown May 15th 1780

This is to certify that Richard Rice enlisted the 1st day of November 1777 for the term of 3 years.

S/ Jno. H. Fitzgerald

Captain Lieutenant 2nd Virginia Regiment

[digital image of the original of the above as posted on the Library's website]

