

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Clark X149 VA Half Pay
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STATE OF KENTUCKY)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) Sgt.
CITY OF LOUISVILLE)

The Columbia Finance & Trust Company by Attila Cox President, states that administration has been granted upon the estate of Richard Clark, deceased, who was a resident of Louisville at his death in the month of March 1784,. He joined the Illinois Regiment, Captain Robert Todd's [R18517] Company, of the Revolutionary war, in March 1779 as a private. He served in that company until June 1779, when he was appointed a lieutenant in said Illinois Regiment and served there until the close of the war. Said Richard Clark was allowed 2136 acres of land in the Illinois Grant opposite the City of Louisville. He was allowed 2666²/₃ acres of bounty land by Virginia. The number of the warrant is 2684, and was located in the state line of Virginia, situated in what is now Kentucky, and West of the Green River. 1,000 acres of said warrant was located by his brother-in-law, William Croghan, 1000 acres located in his own name on said warrant, and the balance 666²/₃ acres in the name of Edward Dowse. The Board of Field officers which sat in Richmond on the 2^d day of February 1782 and 13th day of April 1782, reported Richard Clark entitled to half pay and commutation with interest in lieu thereof, which has never been received and is now claimed under the laws of Virginia and the Acts of Congress of the 5th of July, 1832. The facts set forth are reported in the second volume pages 1000 and 1001 of W. H. English's (late of Indianapolis, Ind.) history of the territory Northwest of the Ohio River, in what was then Virginia. The Congress to relieve Virginia passed the Act of the 5th of July 1832, promising half pay for life and commutation in lieu thereof, to all Virginia soldiers of the said State line who continued in the service to the close of the war.

The following is a copy from W. H. English's history, pages 1000 and 1001.

Richard Clark was born in Caroline County Virginia on the 6th of July, 1760, (See Vol. 1 pages 37- 38) and there lived until he joined Captain Robert Todd's Company in 1779, of Illinois Regiment. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Illinois Regiment in June 1779, and continued in the service thereafter until the close of the war, (See 1st Vol. page 373 Conquest of Country Northwest of the Ohio River).

Jonathan Clark [VAS2169] was the oldest son of John Clark the father of General George Rogers, and was the first to join the army as a private in the Continental line, and met with promotion until he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. (See 1st Vol. of the aforesaid book, page 38).

[From Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com on page 43 of the file of Bernard Green.]

At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Henrico County, held the 15th day of February 1836.

John H. Gwathmey administrator of Richard Clarke dec'd Appellant	}	
against	}	Upon an
The Commonwealth	}	Appeal from
a decision of the Auditor of Public Accounts, refusing to allow a certain claim of the appellant against the Commonwealth for Services rendered by the said Richard Clarke in his lifetime, as an officer in the revolutionary war		

This day came as well the appellant by his attorney as the attorney general fro the Commonwealth, and the

Court having maturely considered the evidence on the part of the appellant, filed in this cause, and the arguments therein, is of opinion that the said Richard Clarke was a Lieutenant of Infantry in the Illinois Regiment in the Revolutionary War, and served under the command of Major George Walls [R18785], and continued to serve as such until after the end of the war; and that he was entitled to commutation of five years full pay, with interest thereon from the 22^d day of April 1783, till payment, and that the auditor of Public accounts erred in rejecting the claim thereto presented by the appellant. It is therefore ordered that the said Auditor do issue and deliver to the appellant a Warrant on the Treasury for the said five years full pay, with lawful interest thereon from the said 22^d day of April 1783, till payment

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