Pension application of Edward Worthington R19205

Transcribed by Will Graves 10/16/11

[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. 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 fails 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 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[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.]

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General Land Office February 17th, 1853

Sir:

I herewith returned 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 27, 1835 to Charles Worthington, one of the heirs of Edward Worthington, a Captain in the State line, was commuted into Scrip in September, is 1836.

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

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

I am, very respectfully, your Obedient Servant

Signed John Wilson, Commissioner

Hon. B. E. Gray
House of Rep.

[f p5: 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 data which is not shown, commutation for pay for his services was allowed for the benefit of 6 heirs. Charles Worthington is the only one whose name is stated.

"In 1853, it is stated that Charles Worthington left 7 heirs, names are not given.

"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"

1 Va. Half Pay N. A. Acc. No. 874 See 050 197 Half Pay Edward Worthington
The following records come from the Virginia State Library's online collection posted at http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/U5DC4QF5HCS3FQ7Y6MFI1T6LASYB7F8UPGJ2447VSVL1618SUD-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 Capt. Infantry for £497.7.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Broadhead and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

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

S/ Jas 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"\(^2\); Nancy Worthington who married Luke Johnston (who is dead leaving heirs Betsy, Judy, Peggy & Polly); Charles Worthington; Peggy Worthington who married Dabney Largent [could be Sargent\(^3\)]; Edward Worthington who is dead leaving heirs (not named)]
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*These pay notes contain a true state of my company and are not false to the best of my knowledge.*

*John Washington*