## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land information relating to Richard Starke BLWt295-200 Transcribed by Will Graves

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## Tappahannock Essex County Court February 21st 1797

It appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court that Harriet Starke and Maria Starke are the infants and heirs of Richard Starke, deceased, who was an officer in the Continental Army – It is ordered that the same be certified to the Register of the Land Office

S/J Poindexter, D. C.

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The above copied from one of the Vouchers on which a Military land Warrant No. 4785 issued to Harriet & Maria Starke as the representatives of Lieutenant Richard Starke.

S/Wm Price, Regr.

Land Office November 3 1806

I do hereby Certify that my Daughter Elizabeth Starke is dead and that her first husband was Richard Starke who I was informed and believe was a Lieutenant in the American Army of the United States in the late war with Great Britain and that she left two children by the said Starke named Harriet & Maria both of which have attained to the age of 21 years and that the said Harriet is married to a Godfrey Cauthern of this County who has attained to the same age. Given under my hand this 9th day of August 1806

S/W. Gatewood

Essex County

I John Evans a Justice of the Peace for the said County do hereby certify that the above certificate was signed by W Gatewood in my presence. S/ John Evans

[f p. 4: power of attorney dated March 26, 1806 executed in Essex County Virginia by Godfrey Cauthern, Harriet Cauthern, and Maria Starke

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It appears from the Records of this Office that on the 20th of February 1783 a Military land Warrant for 2666 2/3 acres No. 137 issued to Lieutenant Richard Stark of the Continental line for services as a soldier from 28 December 1776 to 15 February 1783 – It further appears that on the 4th day of March 1797 another Warrant issued for 444 1/2 acres No. 4785 to Harriet & Maria Stark as the representatives of said Richard Stark for his 7th year service as a Lieutenant of the Continental line, which last mentioned Warrant was delivered to William Gatewood.

S/Wm Price, Regr.

Land Office September 30, 1806

The <u>Virginia State Library</u> online digital collection contains the following information regarding this veteran:

December 9th 1796 I certify that Lieutenant Richard Starke of the 7th Virginia and entered as a Cadet with Captain John Webb on the 27th of March 1776 & that he continued in service until the end of the war.

S/ H. Young [Henry Young] Capt. of the ? 7<sup>th</sup> Virga. Capt. of the 1 / Virga. Regiment But g the 1796 -Scalfy hal hunter and hand Marke 17 ghetrer find as a last with last with Ariti an the 2nth 12 March 1976 & that the Market and the 2nth 12 March 1976 & that the war - Einer water hand gette war - Einer ghiling A . comenta