Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Proctor Ballard VAS2362

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[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

The Memorial of John Norriss and Ann his wife formerly Ballard William P Ballard and Willis Ballard to the Executive of Virginia.

Your memorialist Ann Norriss wife of John Norris, William P Ballard, and Willis Ballard of the county of Marion state of Kentucky respectfully represent to the Executive of Va that they are the children and three heirs of Proctor Ballard dec'd. that the said Proctor Ballard enlisted in the Illinois Regiment, time & place not known to your memorialists, that he was promoted and is reported by the Agent of Va as a Sergeant in the Illinois Regt entitled to 400 acres of bounty land for service to the end of the war, and your memorialist have no doubt from other information that their Father Proctor Ballard did enlist in the Illinois Regt was a Sergeant and served to the end of the war of the revolution. Your memorialist therefore respectfully request the Executive of Virginia to direct the Register of the Land office of Va to issue a warrant to us or our Atty in fact John P Duval for the portion of the bounty Land due us as three of the Heirs of the said Serg't. Proctor Ballard

Signed Willis Ballard/ John Norriss/ William P Ballard

State of Kentucky Nelson County Sct

At a County Court held for Nelson County at the Courthouse in Bardstown on the 12th Day of January 1835. Ordered that it be certified that the following are all the heirs of Proctor Ballard deceased Seargent of Clarks [George Rogers Clark's] Illinois Regiment (Towit) James, John, Catharine, Ann, Lucy, Willis, Proctor Thomas, Stephen B., James M. & William Ballard,

Report on the claim of the heirs of Proctor Ballard – Sergeant – Illinois Regiment, for bounty land for his services.

To the Governor

Sir, Proctor Ballard was Sergeant in Capt. Benajmin Roberts' [Benjamin Roberts S31343] Comp'y, of the Illinois Regiment. only one muster Roll of Captain Roberts' Comp'y has been presented, and no Payroll. In that muster Roll, Proctor Ballard is nam'd as Sergeant, from Nov'r. 13 1779 to Dec'r 31 1781. He was discharged (as was the whole of Capt. Roberts' Comp'y) immediately after the last date. How long he serv'd before Nov'r 13 1779 I am not informed; nor do I know, whether, or not, he continued in the service after Dec'r 31 1781. His name is on a "List of Soldiers serving in the Illinois Department, who have received certificates for the balance of their pay &c up to the last of Dec'r 1781" which document is now on file in my office. He receiv'd a certificate for \$69.14 the bal. of his full pay, as Sergeant &c

I believe, that Capt Roberts' men enlisted for the war – all the Illinois soldiers enlisted either for the war, or for 3 years or during the war, with the exception of three, who enlisted for 3 years. If Proctor Ballard enlisted for 3 years, & servd upwards of 2 years, (the service is prov'd by the muster Roll above referd to) and was then dischargd in pursuance of orders from the Government of virginia, I am of the opinion, that he ought to receive 200 acres of land for a service of 3 years, as Serg't, agreeably to the terms of his enlistment. If he enlisted for the war and serv'd & was discharg'd as above mention'd, his heirs should receive 400 acres of land, for his services during the war.

It does not appear, that any bounty land has ever been allow'd for the service of Proctor Ballard,