Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Bounty-Land Application of Thomas Valentine Dalton VAS615 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

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

War Department/ Pension Office/ January 6 1831

Sir [Hon. E. D. White, House of Representatives], Conformably to your request I state to you that it appears from a Roll of the Virginia State Line in this office, that Thomas Valentine Dalton was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Naval service, and received on the 15th July 1784 £348.8. on account of the balance of his full pay. It does not appear how long or when he served.

I have the honor to be/ Very respectfully/ Yr. Obt. Ser't/ J. L. Edwards

Washington City 14th Feb'y 1831.

Sir [Governor John Floyd], I am endeavouring to obtain for the children of a Virginia soldier in the revolution, the scrip of Government provided by the act of Congress of the last Session. All the evidence I can procure in the War office here, is that Thomas Valentine Dalton, the soldier alluded to) was a Lieutenant in the Virginia Naval Service, as shown by the enclosed communication from the War Department. The Commissioner of the land office at Richmond has informed me that he keeps the record of the Warrants that have issued to the Virginia line, & nothing more; and that Dalton is not inscribed as having received any warrant.

Some of the Gentlemen representing Virginia, have intimated to me that the proper course was to apply to the Executive of the State, for the warrant and that the records to prove the title of the claimant are in the archives of the State.

If there be no impropriety in this step, I would respectfully address myself to you, on behalf of the heirs of Thomas Valentine Dalton, who live in Louisiana, for the Warant to which their ancestor was entitled under the enactments of Virginia.

I have the honor to be/ with great respect/ E. D. White

[From Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.]

I hereby certify that it appears from a List of State and Navy Officers who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay, in conformity with an act of the Virginia Legislature passed November Session 1781, that Thomas Val. Dalton, a Lieutenant, received by his attorney Mr Broadhead, on the 15th July 1784, £348.8.0, Virginia currency War Department/ Pension Office/ May 12, 1832

J. L. Edwards

NOTE: The Virginia bounty-warrant files also include a document referring to a Thomas Valentine Dalton, who was a Lieutenant in George Rogers Clark's Illinois Regiment. That soldier was evidently Valentine Thomas Dalton (pension application W3610), whose heirs also lived in Louisiana.