Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Lewis Leava VAS861 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Report upon the claim of the Heirs of Lewis Leava – a soldier of the Illinois Regiment, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor Sir.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County – State of Illinois – has certified, that it was proved, in open Court, to the satisfaction of the said Court, that Lewis Leava was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the Illinois Regiment, commanded by Colonel G. R. Clarke [George Rogers Clark]; and that he served until the said Regiment was discharged &c (see certificate of David Nowlin Clerk &c)

The name of this soldier is not on the Illinois Pay rolls & musterrolls, which have been preserved. It is not on the Army Register of the State line.

Respectfully submitted John H Smith Commissioner &c June 6, 1835

Name__ Leva (whose Christian name is not given in the Pay rolls) was a private, in Captain Francis Charleville's [Francois Charleville's] Company of Kaskaskia volunteers – (see Captain Charleville's pay roll – Illinois Papers)

State of Illinois Monroe County

I, David Nowlin Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, do certify that it is proven in open Court, to the satisfaction of said Court – that the within named Lewis Leava was a private in the revolutionary War, in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clarke, that he served until the Regiment was discharged, and that he never received a Warrant for the Bounty Land promised him: Neither on the part of the United States or the State of Virginia: nor did he ever transferred his claim to it in any manner whatever. It is further proven that the said Lewis Leava, died intestate and that the within named parties to this instrument are his only Heirs –

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my official seal at Waterloo this 2^{nd} day of September A.D. 1834

S/ David Nowlin, Clerk

Power of attorney dated September 3rd, 1834 executed by the following whose names I have attempted to decipher and who are the alleged heirs of the veteran:

