

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Biggs R19360 Nancy Biggs VA Half Pay
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An act for the Relief of William Biggs

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that William Biggs of the State of Illinois be and is hereby authorised to enter three sections of land in quarter Sections of the lands subject to entry at private sale, in the Sangamon district in the Illinois in consideration of his services as a Lieutenant in the Regiment of the General George Rogers Clark which marched against and subdued the Posts of Kaskaskia and Vincennes [4 and 20 July 1778]

John W Taylor Speaker of the house of Representatives

Nath'l Macon President of the Senate pro tempore

approved 22^d May 1826

John Quincy Adams

Department of State/ Washington 23^d of May 1826. a true Copy

We refer to the act for Relief of Wm Biggs, in which it says he is to get 7000 acres of Land, and he never got but 1920 acres for Sam Scott/ John Hay

State of Illinois }

St Clair County SS. } In the St Clair County, County Commissioners Court, December Term 1833.

Personally appeared, Jacob Ogle adm'r of Wm. Biggs deceased, Nancy Biggs Widow of said Wm. Biggs, Sam'l. Scott and Nancy his wife, William Scott (widower of Mississippi Biggs), Samson Biggs [Sampson Biggs], Catey Ann Biggs, Wm. S. Calbreath and Jemima his wife, and Matthew Cox & Henrietta his wife of the County of St. Clair & State of Illinois, were duly proven in open Court, to be heirs at Law of William Biggs deceased, who was said to be a Lieutenant in the State of Virginia on the continental Establishment in the Revolutionary War, and it was furthermore proved, that the said Wm. Biggs died in the year 1827 in the month of March in the County of Madison and State of Illinois and they pray the same be spread on the records of this Court.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled on pp 73-75 of Blackwell, Joseph.]

Sir, Congress Hall
 6th April 1816

Mr William Biggs of the Illinois Territory during this session of Congress have transmitted me a petition, for compensation in Land for services rendered the U.S. & since, he was an officer under Gen'l. Clark when he took possession of Illinois, & Indiana Territory, I should be glad to know what capacity he acted in, and what provision was made by the Legislation of Virginia, in behalf of Clarks Regiment, any information on this subject will be thankfully received. I am respectfully/ your obt. Ser't.

B. Stephenson