

On 13Mar1843 in Montgomery County VA 83 year old Jane Buford filed a deposition in order to obtain a widow's pension based on Revolutionary War service of her deceased husband, Thomas Quirk.

Jane married Thomas Quirk 10Sep1783. Thomas died in 1803 and she re-married Henry Buford who also since died leaving her a widow. Jane was vague about Quirk's service record.

Captain Thomas Quirk's Company of the Illinois Regiment raised for the defense of the Western Frontier of Virginia Commanded by Brig Gen'l George Rogers Clark.

Thomas Quirk Capt, Joseph Ramsey [S7348] Lieutenant, Joseph Kincaid [R15697] Ensign, James Kincaid [S16907] 2nd Lt., George Campbell Sergeant, Thomas Jamison Sgt, John Breeding Sgt, John Caudry Private.

Hugh McGavock of Wythe County VA testified that he knew Major Quirk as a recruiting officer when he came to Montgomery County from Botetourt County.

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Richmond Virginia the 17th July 1783

Illinois Department

Warrant to Thomas Quirk (out of the Military fund) for forage not drawn from Jan'y 1st 1782 to the 15th Feb'y 1782 agreeable to the orders from the Executive £2.16.3

Warrant to ditto for one years interest on a certificate dated this day in fall for forage not drawn from 17th Aug't 1779 to 31st Dec'r 1782 as a Major of Infantry No 392 £3.10.0 £6.6.3

NOTES:

On 1 May 1844 Jane Buford, about 82, stated that she had received a pension for the services of Thomas Quirk as Captain but had not applied for his services as Major because she did not previously know when he achieved that rank, but that she had since learned that it was 17 Aug 1779.

A bond was signed by Thomas Quirk and James McCorkle dated 9 Sep 1783 in Botetourt County VA for the marriage of Quirk to Miss Jane Kent of the Parish of Botetourt.

William Stewart (r10184) deposed:

At the battle of the **Cowpens** Colonel Tarleton was British commander – and General Morgan – Captain Marion – Shelby &c were in this engagement. Major Quirk was in our Regiment. This battle commenced in the morning and we whipped the British – We had **3 or 4 men wounded** in this engagement, but none killed.

With testimonies 50 years after the battle being scrambled, William Stewart was not specific who his captain was. Neither were the various tales of the other patriot wounded. The 3 or 4 wounded who Stewart recalled could be named elsewhere as Cowpens casualties.