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Key to Abbreviations and Symbols

Where no special reference is given, the name is to be found in the alphabetically indexed papers in the Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., or in the Navy Department.

Parenthetical inserts following many of the names indicate that there is definite reason to believe that these were only variations of the same names.

AB.—An Account Book of 1775-76 in the State Library unindexed, referring to early service of many who appeared in later Revolutionary records.

BW.—Bounty Warrants. Applications for grants of bounty land, a collection of loose manuscripts indexed in the State Library.

C.—"Collins History of Kentucky", an accredited work.

CL.—Preceded by a numeral. The 15 Virginia Regiments of the Continental Line. Thus, 10 CL refers to the Tenth Virginia Regiment, Continental Line.

dmp.—Declarations of Militia Pensioners. Often inaccurate as to actual service, but included here because of genealogical data contained. Many of these, in more detail, are also to be found in J. T. McAllister's "Virginia Militia in the Revolution".

E.—"Index of the Revolutionary records in the Virginia State Archives", compiled by Dr. H. J. Eckenrode in 1912 and 1914.

EP.—An unindexed lot of Executive Papers in the State Library containing recommendations for militia officers and other data.

IP.—The Illinois Papers. A collection of rolls of militia and regulars in the Illinois Department now in the State Library, indexed in the State Archives.

mpl.—Militia Pension List. Compiled from a report of the Secretary of War in 1835, "Pensions", Volume II, of men receiving pensions for services as Virginia Militiamen. Approximate ages in 1833 and counties of residence at that time given, West Virginia still being a part of Virginia.

nbll.—Name appeared on Army Register but had not received bounty land. An extensive compilation in the War Department.

pens.—A pensioner, according to the report of the Secretary of War in 1835, "Pensions", Vol. II. Copy in State Archives. Places of residence of pensioners after war given.

pet.—Petitioners: preceded by the name of a county. Petitions presented to the Legislature. A loose collection of manuscripts in the State Library filed by counties and indexed.

Pitts.—A list of militia paid off at Pittsburgh (Fort Pitt) in 1775, indexed in the State Library. It is probable that these were Colonial troops in Dunmore's War late in receiving their pay. Their names are included here as interesting data, and it will be noted that practically all of them immediately joined the Revolutionary forces.

rec.—Recommended. Virtually synonymous with "appointed" or "sworn" in regard to militia officers. Recommendations for militia commissions were recorded in the county order books, and when issued by the Governor's Council the officers took oath.

Rom.—A list of militia paid at Romney in 1775. It is probable that these were Colonial troops late in receiving their pay. It is noted that practically all of them immediately joined the army of the Revolution.

SP.—State of Virginia papers in the War Department which one would expect to find in the State Archives.

T.—Purporting to be all of the manuscripts in the State Library pertaining to George Rogers Clark, photostated and bound, but not indexed, Serial letters, volume numbers and page numbers given. Thus T-CV2P6 means Serial C, Volume 2, Page 6.

WD.—War Department, emphasizing that the record is there.

- Buttisworth, Bowling, of King George, E.
- Buttlett, Burn, E.
- Button, Harmon, 6 CL, 10 CL.
- Button, Harmon, E.
- Button, May, Captain, of Albemarle, E.
- Button, Michael, Seaman, Navy.
- Buttridge, Joseph, Pvt., WD.
- Buttry, William, 1777-8, 4 Light Dragoons.
- Butts, Baruch, E.
- Butts, John, Capt. Bolling's Troop.
- Butts, Solomon (Butt) Pvt., WD.
- Butts, William, Captain of Mil., E.
- Butts, William, Clark's Ill. Reg., taken prisoner.
- Butts, William, Armand's Command.
- Butts, William, of Culpeper, E.
- Butts, Zachariah, 11 CL, 11 and 15 CL.
- Butty, Edward, Navy, E.
- Butty, Thomas, Navy, E.
- Buttuy, William, E.
- Buxton, Jacob, 4 CL.
- Buxton, James, Ensign 4 CL Sept 28, 1776; 2nd Lieut. Feb. 1777; resigned Dec. 1, 1777. Nansemond pens.
- Buxton, Nathaniel, Captain, 1776.
- Buye, Henry, E.
- Buyes, John (Byas) 1 CL.
- Buzan, Jesse, Pitts.
- Buzan, John, Inf., nbl. Ky. pens.
- Buzan, Philip, 9 CL, 13 CL.
- Buzentine, Rue (Brisintine, Reuben) Va. Battalion.
- Buzzard, John, Rom.
- Buzzell, William, Inf., nbl.
- Buzzill, John, Fauquier pens.
- Bwines, Jeremiah, Matross, 1st Art. Reg.
- Byard, John (Bird) Sgt., 2 Va. State Reg.
- Byars, John, Captain, Louisa Mil., appd. Apr. 14, 1778.
- Byas, Adam, 2 CL.
- Byas, James, of Louisa, E.
- Byas, John, 1 CL.
- Byasia, John, E.
- Bybby, Edward, E.
- Bybee, Cornelius, Inf., nbl. Of Fluvanna, E.
- Bybee, Joseph, Pvt., 7 CL. Of Fluvanna, E.
- Bybee, Neilly, Mo. pens.
- Bybee, Pleasant (Bybie) 5 and 9 CL. Fluvanna pens.
- Bybee, Samuel, Inf., nbl.
- Bybee, Thomas, E.
- Bybie, Pleasant, 1 CL, 5 and 9 CL, and 9 CL.
- Bybie, Samuel, of Amherst, E.
- Byby, Edward, Navy, E.
- Byce, John (Boyce) 1 and 10 CL.
- Byer, Jacob (Byers) 2 Va. Brigade, 8 CL.
- Byerly, Jacob, Pa. pens.
- Byerly, Michael, Tenn. pens.
- Byerly, Robert, Ensign, Frederick Mil. rec. Aug. 4, 1779.
- Byers, ———, Capt. Heth's Ind. Co.
- Byers, David, Capt. Rankin's Co., Augusta 1780.
- Byers, Jacob, 2 Va. Brigade, 8 CL.
- Byers, James, Inf., nbl.
- Byers, Peter, Pitts.
- Byers, William, Ohio pens.
- Bygeant, James, E.
- Byland, Matthew (Boyland) Musician, Va. Battalion.
- Byland, Samuel, Ky. pens.
- Byles, Charles, mss. WD.
- Byms, John, 6 CL, E.
- Bynam, Cordall N., Inf., nbl.
- Byng, John, Capt. Dickey's Co., Augusta.
- Byng, Samuel, Capt. Dickey's Co., Augusta.
- Byons, John, E.
- Byram, Alexander, E.
- Byram, Henry (Byrom) 7 CL.
- Byram, Mathew (Byron) Drummer, 7 CL.
- Byram, Peter, 3 CL, also Byrams.
- Byran, Mathew (Byron) Drummer, 7 CL, 11 and 15 CL.
- Byras, John, Captain of Mil. in 1780, E.
- Byrd, Ambrose, Inf., nbl.
- Byrd, Andrew, Rockingham pens.
- Byrd, Baylor, Pvt., WD.
- Byrd, Francis Otway, Cadet July 17, 1775; Aide-de-Camp to General Lee in Sept. 1775; Lieut. Colonel 3rd Cont. Dragoons Jan. 1, 1777; resigned July 15, 1778; died 1800. Awarded 6,000 acres.
- Byrd, Frederick, Seaman, State Navy, nbl.
- Byrd, Henry (Bird) 5 and 11 CL, and 15 CL.
- Byrd, John, Pvt., WD.
- Byrd, Joshua (Bird) 5 and 9 CL.
- Byrd, Levin, Pilot, Navy, 2,666 acres.
- Byrd, Otway, E.

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KING AND QUEEN

1776. Capt. Wm. Richard's Company was in service against Lord Dunmore, 36.

KING WILLIAM

Between 1776 and 1781 the companies under the following captains served:

Capt. Mordecai Abraham, 234.

Capt. Christopher Thompson, 234.

Capt. Mordecai Booth, 234.

Capt. Harry Quarles, 234.

1781. In this year the following Captains led their companies out and joined Lafayette:

Capt. ——— Drury, 234.

Capt. ——— Booth, 234.

Capt. ——— Abraham, 234.

LOUDOUN

1775. Capt. Simon Triplett's Company in service about Norfolk, 245.

17—. Capt Adam Wallace's Company of Regulars in service in South Carolina and at the Battle of Waxhauz, 168.

1777. Capt. John Thomas' Company in the Battle of Germantown, 28.

1777. Capt. Danl. Teagan's Company guarded the prisoners to Charlottesville, 245.

1781. Capt. Thomas Conner in service about New Kent Court House, 245.

MEMO.:—For the Militia Officers who qualified in Loudon County, during the Revolution, see Section 269.

LOUISA

1779. Capt. John Bias' Company in service, 131.

1780. Capt. ——— Company was in service under Col. Fontaine, 93.

1780. Capt. John Bias' Company joined the 2nd Va., went to North Carolina and was in Gates' Defeat, 131.
1781. Capt. Wm. Harris' Company was in service about Richmond, 93.
1781. Capt. Benjamin Harrison's Company was in service around Williamsburg, 93.
1781. Capt. ——— Harris' Company joined Lafayette in "Wild Goose Chase," 131.
1781. Capt. Jas. Watson, same, 131.
1781. Capt. ——— Phillips in the same, 176, 177.
1781. Capt. ——— White in the same, 176, 177.
1781. Capt. ——— Johnson in the same, 176, 177.
1781. Capt. Saml. Pettis' Company at the Siege of York, 131.

MEMO.—For a list of the Militia Officers who qualified in Louisa County, during the Revolution, see Section 270.

LUNENBURG

1780. Capt. Wm. Hays' Company was out in service at the time of Arnold's Raid, 181.

MECKLENBURG

1779. Capt. Reuben Vaughan's Company joined Gen. Lincoln in South Carolina, and was in Battle of Stono, 169, 172.
1780. Capt. John Kendricks' Company was out in service, 172.
1781. Capt. John Brown's Company was called out three times, in one of which he was at the Battle of Guilford Court House, 172.
1781. Capt. Richard Whiten's Company was in the Battle of Jamestown, 169.

MONTGOMERY

NOTE.—It is very probable that some of these Companies may have gone out from Washington County instead of Montgomery. But I am listing them all under this head.

Services For Which No Date Can Be Fixed.

- Capt. Danl. Trigg's Company in service against the Indians, 146.

under Capt. John Given to near Jamestown, where he was in a skirmish. Capt. Given then went home and Capt. Charles Cameron was put in command. Discharged at Bottom's Bridge after a tour of three months, which was the common term of service.

Section No. 131

SHEPHERDSON, DAVID.—Rockbridge, Dec. 3, 1832. Born in Louisa, Aug. 3, 1763. Drafted in fall of 1779 for six months under Capt. John Bias, of Louisa. About June 19, 1780, having been transferred to Second Virginia Regiment, marched to Hillsborough, N. C., where he joined the Southern army under Col. Spencer and Gen. Stevens. His lieutenant was Thomas Shelton, his ensign, Anthony Winston. At Deep River himself and comrades nearly perished, having nothing but green crabapples to eat. 200 men were sent out to thrash some grain. Was in battle between Gates and Cornwallis, Aug. 16th. Affiant and his company retreated to Hillsborough and made rendezvous. Provisions soon became so scarce there that the captain advised the men to go home and get provisions and clothing, their clothing having been lost in the battle near Camden. So they went home, got supplies, and returned, but were advised to go home again, which they did and were honorably acquitted by a court martial. Was in active service three months. Drafted three months next spring under Capt. Harris. Marched to Williamsburg and back to Richmond, where he saw the British burning tobacco, etc., in Manchester. This expedition was called the "Wild Goose Chase." The company was relieved by another from Louisa. Later, was drafted three months under Capt. James Watson, who was succeeded by Capt. Samuel Pettis. Was attached to Gen. Weedon's brigade and stationed at Gloucester during the siege of Yorktown. Moved to Rockbridge, 1815.

Section No. 132

SIZER, JOHN.—Botetourt, Jan. 19, 1833. Born in Baltimore County, Md., 1759. Moved to Prince William, 1770, Rockingham, 1777. Volunteered, 1777, under Capt. (afterwards major) Ewell.

- Bagby, William, En., S. July 10, 1780.
Bagby, ———, Cp., 1777.
Bias, John, Cp., S. June 8, 1778—died, 1781.
Bigger, David, F. L., S. Jan. 11, 1779.
Bradburn, Butler, S. L., S. March 12, 1781.
Brown, John, En., R. June 12, 1780.
Clark, William, En., S. Oct. 12, 1779—under Mosby.
Cole, Samuel, Lt., S. Oct. 12, 1779.
Cosby, John, gent., S. L., S. Oct. 9, 1780.
Crutchfield, John, F. L., R. 1782.
Dabney, Samuel, En., S. June 9, 1777.
Fontaine, Aaron, En., R. April 13, 1779.
Fox, John, Cp., 1776.
Garland, Nathaniel, Cp., 1777.
Garrett, Harvey (Henry?), Cp., S. March 12, 1781.
Glenn, Beverley, En., S. Aug. 11, 1777—under R. Phillips.
Green, Forrest, En., R. April 10, 1779.
Harris, William, F. L., S. March 12, 1781.
Harris, Frederick, F. L., R. April 10, 1779.
Henson, Samuel, S. L., R. April 14, 1778—under S. Richardson.
Hughes, William, Cp., S. Jan. 11, 1779.
Hughes, Joshua, En., S. April 13, 1779.
Jackson, William, S. L., S. Aug. 11, 1777.
Johnson, Richard, S. L., S. March 12, 1781.
Johnson, George, Lt., S. June 12, 1780.
Johnson, Henry Ashton, S. L., R. April 10, 1779—under J. Watson.
Johnson, Christopher, En., S. Oct. 13, 1777.
Johnson, Thomas, gent., Cp., A. Sept. 9, 1776.
Lumsden, George, Cp., S. April 13, 1779.
Meriwether, William, En., R. Oct. 12, 1781.
Meriwether, David Wood, F. L., S. June 14, 1779.
Michie, George, S. L., R. Dec. 10, 1781.
Michie, Robert, S. L., R. June 12, 1780.
Michie, James, S. L., S. Sept. 8, 1777—under S. Richardson.
Minor, Garrett, Cp., 1777.
Moorman, James, En., S. March 12, 1781.
Mosby, ———, Cp., 1777.
Nelson, John, gent., Maj., S. June 8, 1778.
Overton, Walter, S. L., S. June 13, 1779.