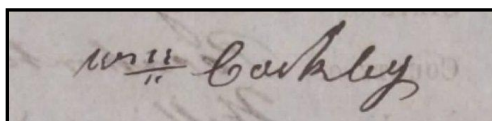


William H. Cackley (1783-1860) of Pocahontas County, VA Lieutenant, Virginia Militia, War of 1812



Signature on Application for Bounty Land, 1855

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William H. Cackley, son of Valentine Cackley and Mary Frye, was born in Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1783. William joined the War of 1812 at Warm Springs, Bath Co. Virginia on May 10, 1814. There he enlisted in the Virginia Militia under the command of Captain William Poage. He was then directed to report to Norfolk, VA where he served as a lieutenant with Captain Washington West's Company, Fourth Regiment of the Virginia Militia. Cackley was discharged on August 4, 1814. (Source: War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, National Archives and Records Administration; Downloaded from Fold3 on January 8, 2014)

The Virginia Militia Line Infantry was stationed at Fort Norfolk between 1812 and 1815. These men were farmers, shop keepers, and ordinary tradesmen. At the time, every male in the state of Virginia between the ages of 18 and 45 was required by law to be a member of the militia. The men were assigned to a unit within their county and would assemble about once a month for a military drill. During the War of 1812, the Virginia Militia lived in tents and huts in the peach orchard next to Fort Norfolk, ready to defend the fort as the need arose. (Source: "Historic Fort Norfolk: Virginia Militia Line Infantry" Web 15 Jan 2014)

On February 28, 1815, six months after discharge from the militia, William H. Cackley married Jane Gay, daughter of Robert Gay and Hannah Moore, in Bath County, Virginia. (Sources: War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, National Archives and Records Administration. Downloaded from Fold3 on January 8, 2014; Price, William. *Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County, West Virginia*. Marlinton West Virginia, 1901; Reprinted Baltimore MD, Genealogical Pub Co, 2002. P. 198-9.)

The couple first settled near Mill Point, Virginia, (now WV) where they farmed and operated a store. Later they moved to a farm near Huntersville, Pocahontas County, Virginia, where William "resided for many years, farming and merchandizing and in public office." In addition to serving as a lieutenant in the War of 1812, William Cackley was also a member of the Virginia Legislature for several terms, serving as a "Jacksonian democrat" and was a Sheriff in Pocahontas County. Late in life, William and Jane (Jennie) moved with most of their family to Illinois. In this source, 10 children are listed: (sons) Robert, Claiborne, Frye, Davis and John; (daughters) Mary, Leah, Hannah, Ann and Sarah Jane. (Source: Price, William. *Historical Sketches of Pocahontas County, West Virginia*. Marlinton West Virginia, 1901; Reprinted Baltimore MD, Genealogical Pub Co, 2002. P. 198-9.)

According to his son John's obituary, William served for 15 years as a member of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia. In about [1856], William and Jenny, with the entire family, consisting of five sons and three daughters, moved to Illinois and settled on what is now known as the old Weaver homestead, near Clinton, and followed the occupation of farming. After a number of years of active life, William moved to Clinton and retired. He died in 1860, leaving his wife and the following children: Robert, Ann, Frey (Jacob Frye), David, John, Sallie, Leah. Wife Jennie died in Clinton in 1880. (Source: Obituary for John G. Cackley, son of William and Jenny, dated June 9, 1899. DeWitt County IL, available through the DeWitt Co. GenWeb Project. Downloaded on March 18, 2007.)

William Cackley received two parcels of land for his services in the War of 1812. The first was under the Act of September 28, 1850. On June 12, 1855, in a document titled "Form for Bounty Land under Act of 1855, filed in Pocahontas Co, VA, William Cackley acknowledged receipt of a land warrant of 40 acres under the act of 1850. It appears that there was more land to be had under the Act of March 3, 1855 and William Cackley was applying for this additional land in this application. (Source: War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Downloaded from Fold3 on January 8, 2014.)

In 1855, William H. Cackley received a warrant for 120 acres "in the district of lands subject to sale at Dakota City, Nebraska." (Source: Land Warrant #82651 for William Cackley, U.S. Dept of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, online, downloaded Jan 2011)

William H. Cackley died on March 20, 1860 (Source: Jane Cackley's Pension Application, NARA; Fold3)

Cackley's 1850 application for bounty land is on the following page. His record of service in the War of 1812 is detailed in this one-page document.

STATE OF VIRGINIA,
County of *Pocahontas* } ss:

On this *23rd* day of *November*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *Fifty*
personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid,
William Cackley — aged *Sixty Seven* years, a resident of *Pocahontas County*
in the State of Virginia, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical
William Cackley — who was a *Lieutenant* — in the Company commanded
by Captain *Washington West* — in the *4th* — Regiment of
Virginia Militia — commanded by *Lt Col. Wm Alderson*
— in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the 18th day of June, 1812, that
he was drafted — at *Warm Springs, Bath Co*, on or about the —
day of *April* —, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and *Fourteen*, for the term
of *Three Months*, and continued in actual service in said war, for the term of *Three*
Months, and was honorably discharged at *Norfolk* —, on the *4th*
day of *August*, A. D. 1814, as will appear by his
original Certificate of discharge herewith presented —
— *That he belonged to a company commanded*
by Capt Poage, at the time he was drafted
and that he was detached from Capt Poage's
company, & served in a company commanded
by Capt Washington West, as aforesaid —

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which he may be entitled under
the "Act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service
of the United States," passed September 28th, 1850.

Wm Cackley

War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. State of Virginia. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Downloaded from Fold3 on January 8, 2014.