

## RICHARD RANKIN

Richard Rankin is believed to be a son of Thomas Rankin [1724-1810] and brother of John Rankin [1754-1829], Samuel Rankin [1758-1828] and William Rankin [1759-1833]. William Rankin was the only brother to remain in Greene County and the only brother to live sufficiently long to apply for a Pension.

In July 1790 Richard is mentioned as a Captain of a Tax District in the Greene County Court of Common Pleas, page 177. He later moved to Dandridge, Jefferson County, TN.

Richard received a Land Grant from North Carolina. The location is not stated. He received 500 acres "joining John Bradshaws lines". A 'Thomas Ranken' received 150 acres on Dumplin Creek [Jefferson County].



**DANDRIDGE REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVEYARD  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
RICHARD: Born November 4, 1756  
Died May 5, 1827**

- *Name:* Richard Rankin
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 4 NOV 1756 in ,Cumberland Co.,Pennsylvania
- *Death:* 5 MAY 1827 in ,Jefferson Co.,Tennessee
- *Note:*

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
 Proof of Service Certificate.  
 Revoulutionary War  
 Proof of Service of: RICHARD RANKIN  
 Muster Roll: RANKIN, RICHARD  
 Rank: Pvt.  
 County: Cumberland  
 Township: Fermanagh  
 Pay Roll: Unit: 4th Bn. 5th Co.  
 Class: 5th  
 Class List: Time of service Order from Council Dated Jan 1778  
 Commander: Capt. John Hamilton, Militia  
 Duty: Served  
 Found in Book of John Carothers, Cnty, Ltl, page 126.  
 Authority Militia Operations "Military Accounts" Records of the  
 Comptroller General, or Auditor General at D.P.R.

- *Note:* Second Service, of Richard Rankin
- *Note:*

The information listed below ws abstracted from an original document in the custody of the Pennsylvania State Archives. Duty after Nov. 1783 is not considered to be Revolutionary War Service.

- *Note:*

Class Roll: Rankin, Richard  
 Muster Roll: Cumberland, County, Militia  
 Pay Roll: Certificate #6311 Total 9.60 pounds  
 Time Served: 1st Sept.-2nd Nov. 1780  
 Under Command of Captain Daniel Mc Clelland

- *Note:*

Certificate Issued: Dec 26th 1785  
 Original Certificate  
 Authorities:  
 Register, Vol, A pg. 261, "Militia Loan of Apr. 1784 & 30 Mar, 1785 "Public debt" Records of the Comptroller General at D.P.R.  
 LAND RECORDS-1791 Vol A-Book 295-Grant from N. Carolina to 100 acrs in what became Jefferson Co., Tenn.  
 CERTIFIED WILL of Richard Rankin Will Bk2 pg.594-596  
 Newspaper Article: "THE JEFFERSON STANDARD BANNER" ugust 7th 1986 page 12A, Jefferson City, Jefferson

### King's Mountain Papers

- 1881      **Franklin, Wylie.** [Pine Ridge, Surry County, N. C.]  
JAN. 28      Letter to Lyman C. Draper. Detailed his-  
5DD34      tory of sword obtained by Cleveland at  
King's Mountain; Tory named Gillespie  
whipped by Cleveland; Reuben, Louis, and  
Caleb Coffee related to the Clevelands;  
Samuel Johnson a resident of Wilkes  
County [N. C.]; genealogy of Bernard  
Franklin's family. A. L. S. 2 pp.
- 1881      **Logan, J. R.** King's Mountain, N. C. Letter to  
JAN. 28      [Lyman C.] Draper. Interment of bones  
6DD31      gathered from battle field in 1815, with  
ceremonies at the dedication of monument  
set up by Dr. William McLean; Georgia  
not represented on monument; criticism  
and correction of sketch of King's Moun-  
tain in *Harper's Weekly*; biographical data  
on Peter Quinn and Abraham Collins. A.  
L. S. 4 pp.
- 1881      **[Logan, J. R.** King's Mountain, N. C.] Rough  
JAN. 28      sketch of battle ground at King's Moun-  
6DD31a      tain, with roads and gaps adjacent. A. D.  
1 p.
- 1881      **Rankin, Richard.** Stanley's Creek, Gaston County,  
JAN. 28      N. C. Letter to Lyman C. Draper. Writ-  
4DD65      er's father was a soldier in the Revolution;  
the Tory, Col. John Moore, moved to South  
Carolina after battle of Ramsour's Mills.  
A. L. S. 2 pp.
- 1881      **Whitson, J. C.** Old Fort, McDowell County, N. C.  
JAN. 28      Letter to Lyman C. Draper. Authority  
7DD67      given for writer's statement that troops  
passed by Quaker Meadows and Morgan-  
ton on their way to King's Mountain; John  
J. Wheeler, G. F. Davidson, Capt. A. Bur-



## Richard Rankin's Will.

In the name of God. Amen. I Richard Rankin of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee, being weak of body, but of sound mind and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bestow on me, ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

First I desire all my lawful debts to be paid, by my Executors. Item, I give and bequeath to my wife Jean Rankin all my household and kitchen furniture, one bay mare that I got from my son William, also that she have ten acres of Land including the dwelling house, orchard and Spring house, also one third of all the grain that is raised on the Land that is now clear, which grain is to be put up for her in Crib, or barn whichever suits, clear of any expense to her, and that she is to be furnished with fire wood clear of any expense, by those that have the benefit of the place, also one milch Cow, which property she is to have during her natural life it is to be understood that at my wifes death the household

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and kitchen furniture is to be at her disposal. Item I bequeath to my son Thomas Rankin a horse that was left with him in Virginia.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel S. Rankin one dollar. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Isabella Riggs Alexander S. Rankin, Andrew C. Rankin and also my said son Thomas Rankin one hundred and sixty seven acres of Land lying in Jefferson County and joining the Land of John Lockert which is to be divided amongst them agreeable to a plat of division and each one name marked to his part or lot of Land.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Rankin one horse valued at sixty dollars at the rate of corn at two shillings per bushel turn over

Item I bequeath my son Andrew C. Rankin one horse at the same price and valued at the same rates, and none of the horses to be paid until my son Robert S. Rankin comes of age.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William C. Rankin twenty four acres of Land adjoining the land of S<sup>r</sup> William William C. Rankin give his brother James Rankin.

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Rankin one dollar. Item I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jean C. Rankin one feather bed and furniture and bedstead, one cow worth ten dollars, one spinning wheel and it is to be understood that the said Jean is to have this property at the death of her grand mother if she continues to live with her that long or till she the S<sup>r</sup> Jean should get married. I wish my Waggon, my Smith tools my cattle not other wise disposed, my sheep and Hogs to be sold or so much of them as will pay what debts I owe but if my Executors can pay my debt without selling said property I wish it to be divided between my wife Jean Rankin and my two sons Richard S. Rankin and Robert S. Rankin, and lastly I do constitute and appoint my wife Jean Rankin and my son Richard S. Rankin Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1826

Richard Rankin