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GEORGE ROGERS CLARK & his Men, Military Records, 1778 - 1784.

Document 58, 18 July - 21 August 1780

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Sinnaca McCrackin, Lieutenant
James Asturgus, Ensign
Christopher Shoult, Sergeant
Philip Taylor, Sergeant - absent
Benjamin Phillips, Sergeant
Robert Brenton, Sergeant

Privates: Samuel Anderson, Zach Hole, Peter Bellows, Jonas Eaton - absent, ISAAC ROMINE, Jacob Hubbs, William Logston, John Neal - dead, Adam Wolf - absent, John Coy, Theadorous DAVIS, Matthew Jefferies, Thomas Phillips, NATHAN SELLERS, Thomas Boyd, JOHN SELLERS, Hugh Coughran, John Pringle, Hankerson ASHBY - dead, James Brenton, John Phillips, Samuel Brenton, Francis Brenton - dead, George Summit, John Lee, Henry Countryman, Charles Kennedy, John Kennedy, George Hynch.

Document 75, 17 August - 25 August 1782

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Document 79, 22 October - 23 November, 1782.

Pay Roll of Lincoln Militia under Captain Samuel Kirkham on actual Service on an Expedition against the enemy Indians under General George R. Clark.

Samuel Kirkham, Captain
Henry Grider, Lieutenant
William Crow, Ensign
George Cambell, Sergeant
Daniel Brown, Sergeant
James Fisher, Sergeant
John Crow, Adjutant
James Thompson, T.H. Master

Privates: Joseph Wilson, JOHN SELLERS, Josiah Boone, Jeremiah Boone, James Stephenson, Samuel Lawrence, Isaac Lawrence, Soloman Lawrence, Joseph Lawrence, William Gracey, Benjamin WHITE, George Wilson, George Reading, Edward Dougherty, Samuel Brenton, William Brenton, Adam Brenton, Robert Brenton, James Brenton, John Brenton, Edward Taylor, William Stone, Nicholas Pix, Jesse Thomas, Abraham Thomas, Jacob Holsclaw, William Barba, John Barba, Joshua Barba, William Kenn, William Fields, George Yunt, John HARRIS, Peter Watts, Robert Foreman, Moses Cherry, Ash Emerson, Absalom Yagar, Cornelias Yagar, Stephen Archer, Jacob Crow, Levi Scott, ISAAC ROMINE, Elisha Scott.

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Col. Alexander Barr

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CAPT JOHN HINKSON and others.....

MILITARY RECORDS IN THEIR ENTIRETY::::::::::

Draper Manuscript Collection - 29J18 ; Bird's expedition - Ruddell's and Martin's Forts.

>From Mrs. Rhoda (Long) Ground, Warren Co., Ky., Oct 1844.

Ruddell's Station taken, June 1780 - The Indians first came and attacked with the (British?) - An old man named Goodknight was killed - Simon Girty and Micapah Calloway were with the enemy. Capt Ruddell's family - John Long's family consisting of himself, wife and five children - one of the latter, a small boy, was scalped; John Denton, wife and one daughter, recollected and perhaps their children; also a family of Sellars.

Some of the prisoners were shortly after released; and others wee kept in captivity till Waynes Treaty of 1795. Mrs. Ground (one of the children of Mr. Long) was a small girl when taken and can give no further information.

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Draper MSS 4S98-99 - James Chambers statement continued from book ____ of Westmoreland Co Pa born in 1749.

Capt. Bird's Kentucky Expedition of 1780. - Bird treated prisoners well. Chambers saw the 6 pounder at Detroit taken on Bird's expedition of '80, and saw the man who drove the horse that drew it on the land part of the march. Also got acquainted with several of the prisoners taken by Bird - Capt. Ruddell and Simon Girty was with Bird. John Hinkston was in possession of the Indians - Girty and Hinkston were old acquaintances - were great cronies, and swapped clothes when he was prisoner - Girty went to Bird, and said Hinkston was very supple and active, and if he (Bird) did not take him from the Indians and put him under a guard of British soldiers, he would be certain to effect his escape. Bird did so - that night Hinkston made his escape and it was thought Girty brought about this change of Hinkston from the Indians to the British, in order to aid him in escaping. - JOHN SELLERS, another prisoner taken at Ruddells or Martins escaped a little before Hinkston - they were the only ones who did escape. Girty, too, knew of Hinkston's having killed Wipey, about '74, who hunted on Conemaugh, and kept it from the Indians, who, had they known it, would have killed him.

When Bird returned with his prisoners, a number of cabins were built outside the fort at Detroit for the prisoners taken at Ruddell's and Martin's forts; men, women and children, Capt Ruddell and family among them. And these cabins were familiarly called Yankee Hall. The men had their liberty and worked out some of the time for wages. After a while, Du Poister who commanded at Detroit gave the use of an island to Ruddell, some 3 miles above Detroit, and in which were some improvements - and he moved his family there, raised corn, etc. These favors led to the suspicion that Ruddell was tinctured with Toryism and Ruddell when he returned to Virginia was tried on this charge and acquitted. Bird said he would never be engaged in another such expedition as that to Kentucky in 1780.

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Draper MSS 2S334-338 >From John Hinkson - now (1845) about 72 - born on the Monongahela.

Son of Col. John Hinkson - who was a son of John (a native of Ireland) - emigrated to America a married man, died leaving John the pioneer and a sister - John (Col.) when young man went to Ireland to get some family patrimony, married Margaret McCracken, remained two years, and then returned to America, about 1765 - settled probably in Westmoreland Co. Pa on Monongahela, bringing from Ireland a store of goods.

In Dunmore's War, was a captain or lieutenant - probably the former, came to Kentucky in '75 - moved to Kentucky in Spring of '80, four or five boats came with him with about half a dozen families, stopped at Limestone about a week, built a block-house, the first erected there, and sent a message to his old station (better known as Ruddell's) to get help to aid in moving the families over, and while waiting at Limestone the Indians stole all the

horses belonging to the company - some 20 in all. - At the old station there was not a sufficiency of men to share, and advised a continuation to the Falls of Ohio.

Went down there in his boats - got horses to transport some of the property leaving the family at the Falls, and he had been at Ruddell's but three or four days when Bird came - Shot a cannon and knocked the corner of a house down - The station was on the east side of Hinkson's Fork, 8 miles from Paris - located on low land, with a overlooking hill, which the British occupied and from which they fired the cannon. Capt. Ruddell surrendered - Hinkson was opposed to it. Hinkson was kept and escaped the third night. Col. Bird gave him permission to stay with the Indians (who captured him) or with him, Bird chose the latter, and [Hinkson] made a bargain with one of the prisoners to run off, and the latter betrayed him and told Bird - and Bird placed an Indian guard over him, and in the night when raining, going down Licking by land (as he came with wagons - Bird's Old Trace), knocked an Indian over and into the River, at the mouth of Bank Lick Creek (some 3 miles above the mouth of Licking, west side of the river) - and himself plunged into the river and swam over, and escaped. Bird had got bewildered, came to Hinkson and told him as he was an old woodsman, that it would be better for him to tell the best route to take (they were then camped) - and Hinkson said if he must tell he would do his best, and commenced directing and pointing when the Indians were collecting around him, he knocked the one between him and the river down the bank into the river and himself jumped in and swam over, and made his way to Bryan's Station; next morning (that night didn't go far, too dark and got into a tree top and went to sleep, and awoke in the morning within view of a camp of the Indians who took after him, but he outstripped them, but he, in running through briars got the most of his clothing torn off - and was nearly naked when he got to Bryan's.

Don't think Col. Hinkson went on campaign of '80 - nor in '82. Did go out with Logan in '86; was an officer under Col. Edwards on the Blackberry campaign. Was out with Gen. Ben Harrison (who died at New Madrid - some children living near St. Genevieve at the lead mines - Harrison died not long (2 or 3 years) before the War of 1812.) on his expedition. Also went out scouting with parties.

Went and settled at Mann's Lick and stayed there till '81; then moved to Haggins Station, near Danville and about '83, re-occupied his old settlement on Hinkson's Fork. William McCune, a half brother of Hinkson's, moved with Hinkson to Kentucky in '80, and was captured with him; and was kept nearly two years.

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William McCune - Draper MSS 11CC35 - Draper's interview with William McBride

I was at Corn's, when Riddle, (that was taken at Riddle's,) got back. One McCune, who was at Bowman's Station when Riddle got there, went out & got a hoop-pole, of which he had a parcel, & wore it out on Riddle. McCune had been a prisoner with (fellow) Riddle and had been planning to run away, where Riddle went and told the British on him, who put McCune in irons. "Now," says McCune, "tell on me again."

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John Hinkson - Draper MSS 16j82 - 83 - Extract upon Capt. Hinkson's narrative, who was made prisoner on the surrender of Ruddell's Fort; in Kentucky the 25th of June (1780), and made his escape on the 28th.

On the 24th about sunrise, a heavy fire was begun on the fort by small arms, which continued without intermission until noon, when it was observed, that a battery of two three pounders (cannons) was erected on an advantages spot. The first discharged made such an impression on the fort, that all within were convinced they could not hold out. A flag was sent out and the terms agreed to were that the garrison should surrender themselves as prisoners, be permitted to retain their wearing apparel, and conducted safely to a settlement near Detroit, where provisions should be found there until they could raise corn for themselves.

On the 26th the white, with a party of Indians appeared before Martin's Fort, seven miles up Licking Creek, which surrendered without resistance on the same terms as the other fort and previous were in the hands of the enemy when Capt. Hinkson made his escape; who further adds, that they consisted of a company of regulars from Detroit, under Capt. Bird, a company of Canadians, thirty Tory volunteers, and about 700 Indians from various tribes. Capt. Bird informed Capt. Hinkson; that he had taken the Governors dispatches going down the Ohio, which gave an account that no expedition would be sent into their country this summer; which seemed to elate him much. The enemy came down Stoney River (on the Great Miami) up the Ohio and Licking, without being discovered.

S.C. Gazette,

June 31, 1781.

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John Hinkson - Halderman Papers - July 1, 1780 - Capt Henry Bird to Maj Arnet DePeyster "Everything is safe so far, but we are not yet out of reach of pursuit - As a very smart fellow [Hinkson or Sellers?] escaped from me within 26 miles of the enemy."

John Hinkson - Halderman papers - July 24, 1780 - Capt Henry Bird to Maj Arnet DePeyster - "Capt Hinxon [Hinkson] who made his escape from us had candour sufficient to tell Col. Clarke, he and the prisoners were treated in so different a manner from what they expected, that had not his family been at the Falls, he would have preferred going with us to Detroit."

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Draper Manuscript Collection - 16J26 : Williamsburg Va, August 30, 1776.

By William Harrison, nine days from Fort Pitt, we have advice; that Capt John Hinkson, with a number of settlers, arrived from Licking Creek, near the Kentucky, the very day he left home. Capt Hinkson gave the following account, that one James Cooper, and another person, a Dutchman, being on their way to a Buffalo Lick, were ired upon by a couple of Indians, who shot down Cooper and freightened the Dutchman's horse so that he flung him; his foot hanging in the stirrup, one of the Indians walked up to him, to tomahawk him, but although in that disadvantages situation he found means to aim his gun so well (which he never gritted) as to shoot the savage dead on the spot and seeing the other Indian walking up to him, he disengaged himself from his horse, mounted Coopers, and got clear off to the inhabitants.

Upon his arrival, many of the Kentucky settlers immediately went about forting themselves at Boonesborough and Harwoodstown (Harrodstown); and numbers agreed to come into the neighborhood of Fort Pitt with Capt Hinkson. From the Penn packet, September 10, 1776.

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March 26, 1783 - Capt Samuel Kirkham's Pay Roll from the 17th of August untill the 25th 1782 entered and eundled as above - It appears that Capt. Kirkham in his Pay Roll ought to receive pay as a Captain for six days and the Pay of an Ensign for three days. The men in his Pay Roll returned for three days were killed at the Battle of the Blue Licks, but their families & friends are in Kentucky.

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Document 74, 22 September - 21 October 1782.

A Pay Roll of Lincoln Militia under Captain Samuel Kirkham on Actual Service guarding Saltworks.

Samuel Kirkham, Captain
Benjamin Tittet, Lieutenant
Daniel Brown, Sergeant

Privates: John Hickerson, Bennjamin WHITE, George Watts, Peter Bellis, George Camppside, Absalom Yager, Abraham Miller, Daniel Mikinsey, Wyle Aspic, John McAnally, William Logan, Samuel Lowe, Thomas, Jones, Joseph Barnett, Jesse Maxie, Josiah Boone, Samuel Brenton, Anthony Keller, Joseph Lawrence, Joseph Barlow, Bbarell Stokes, Daniel Vayteh, Petri Banta, James Harrod, Samuel Westerfield, Abraham Keller, JOHN SELLERS, Joseph Wilson, Arthur Owens, Luke Vories, George Goeins.

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Pennsylvania Archives:: Return of Officers of the First Battalion of Westmoreland, SS (c.), June 10, 1777.

Third Company

John Hinkson, Captain
John Wood, Lieutenant
JOHN SELLERS, Lieutenat
Thomas Wood, Ensign

Court Martial Men: Joseph McCartney, Samuel Johnston.

Privates: 55

A Return of the Militia in their ranks belonging to Westmoreland County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (c.), First Battalion, April 25 1778.

Third Company.

John Hinkson, Captain
John Woods, Lieutenant
JOHN SELLERS, Lieutenant
David Wilson, Ensign

Sergeants: 3

Corporal: 1

Privates: 11

A list of Captain John Hinkson's Company. (c.), circa 1779.

John Hinkson, Captain
JOHN SELLERS, Lieutenant
David Wilson, Ensign

Privates: John Hanna, James Clifford, Robert McInoe, George Finley, High Knose, Samuel Cuning, James McDonald, Robert McDonald, William Lemmon, John Lemmon, Joseph Lemmon, Edward Burns, Wilson Buck, John Callet, SAMUEL SELLERS, Hugh Gibb, John McMillan, Alexander Barlantine, John Burns, James McClennachan, James STAUT.

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