



Iowa Society DAR

PATRIOT STORIES

Henry Clay, Virginia, A022844

Henry Clay from Southern Parish Cumberland County, Virginia lived 1736-1820. His service is listed as PS (Public Service). He supplied material aid in Virginia in the 6th VA Regiment, Continental Line under Major Wood Jones. The 6th Virginia Regiment was raised on December 28, 1775, at Williamsburg, VA. The regiment saw action in the Battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and the Siege of Charleston. The regiment was merged into the 2nd Virginia Regiment on May 12, 1779.

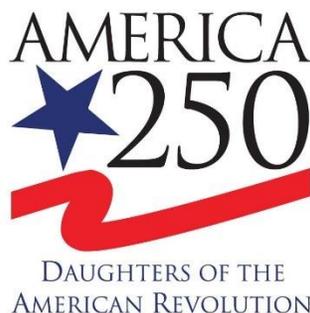
Mr. Clay was a very wealthy landowner and tobacco grower. He was remembered as a tall man with broad shoulders and commanding mien, clad in doublet and hose, knee breeches and buckles, which style of dress he wore until his death.

After moving to Kentucky, he lived the first year in a stockade. The old stone house built and occupied by him is yet standing (in 2006) and in use upon the farm still in possession of his descendants. Nearby is the old family burying ground, a lot of one acre, enclosed by a substantial stone wall. In it the old pioneers and many of their descendants' sleep, awaiting the Resurrection. Within the will of his grandson, Henry Clay, a fund is set apart for the repair and preservation of the one acre including the division of the land omitted this one acre, therefore it will remain a graveyard.

He is a cousin to Henry Clay the Statesman. He married Rachel Povall and they had 12 children.

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