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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Hockaday VAS1556

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that I knew John Hockaday in the revolutionary army of the United States that He was first a Lieutenant in Captain Massie's [Thomas Massie's] Company 6th Virginia Regiment, that He was soon Promoted to Captain in the said Regiment, and that he was in the service when I left it in the beginning of the year Seventy eight [1778]. Given under my hand this 16th day of July 1808

S/ John Bell,¹ 1st Lieut.



in the 6th Virginia Regiment

[Attested in Charles City County Virginia July 16, 1808 by John Eppes, JP]

I do hereby Certify that I knew John Hockaday as an Officer in the revolutionary army of the United States, that He was first a Lieutenant in Captain Massie's Company 6th Virginia Regiment. He was soon promoted to Captain in said Regiment. I know he entered into the Service early in the year Seventy Six [1776] – that He was in the battles at Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town [October 4, 1777] and most of the service northward and I furthermore no that he was in the Service as a Captain when they enemy were progressing through Virginia and until after the Siege of York and I believe He held his Commission until the end of the war. Given under my hand this 20th day of July 1808

S/ Samuel Arnold



2nd Lieutenant 5 Virginia Regiment

[Attested July 20, 1808 by John Eppes, JP, in Charles City County Virginia]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)—14-page file: Unfortunately the nincompoop who copied the images for posting online elected to post a substantial number of the pages of this file in split images including only one half of the image. It is not until page 9 of the

¹ Perhaps the same man as [John Bell X943](#)

14 page file that a whole image appears.]

The affidavit of James Williams of the County of New Kent seventy-four years old the 20th day of October next a Soldier and pensioner of the Revolution being first sworn according to law, says that he was born and raised in the same County and neighborhood where Colonel John Hockaday lived and died, was well acquainted with the said John Hockaday before, during and after the Revolutionary War, he knows that the said John Hockaday entered the Continental Army in the year 1776 and went to the North a Lieutenant in Captain Massie's Company, and this affiant further says that the said John Hockaday was promoted to a Captain in Continental line and was in service at the siege of York Town [September-October 1781] and did serve to the end of the War, and did not resign his commission but was promoted to Colonel before he died in New Kent.

S/ James Williams²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Williams²".

The affidavit of Elizabeth Bradenham aged seventy-seven years being first sworn according to law says that she was well acquainted with Captain John Hockaday before and after the Revolutionary [war] That she resided and now resides within two miles of the place where said Hockaday lived and died, That she well recollects that the said John Hockaday went to the North That he was an officer in the Army That he came home in the time of the war, and remained until he had the smallpox and afterwards returned to the Army and did serve to the end of the War, and that he was a Captain in the revolutionary Army and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Elizabeth Bradenham, X her mark

[Attested May 17, 1838 in New Kent County Virginia]

[Note: According to the index card, this file also should contain affidavit of Samuel Arnold, a revolutionary war Lieutenant; James E Heath, Virginia auditor; William Slater as well as the petition of the heirs of the veteran. All of these documents, however, are only posted in partial images and cannot be transcribed as posted. If anyone has transcriptions of these documents which they are willing to share with us, we would welcome the opportunity to post them in this database.]

² [James Williams W6506](#)