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Virginia documents pertaining to William Rumney VAS2029
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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Alexandria (City) – Adam, John & Others]

To the Senate and House of Delegates of the Virginia Assembly

Your petitioners, John Adam & Jane Dade of Alexandria – Robert Adam of Ohio and the infant Children of Honoria McClean dec'd. formerly Barry of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County, being the devisees of the late Robert Adam of Fairfax Co. who was sole devisee of William Rumney dec'd. late of Alexandria Respectfully beg leave to represent that said William Rumney was duely appointed Senior surgeon in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the War of the Revolution, as early as the month of March 1778, and in that Capacity continued to serve till the end of said War – and for some time before the close of the War had the direction of the Continental Hospital at Alexandria. That in former times as well as of late years as your petitioners are informed and believe, Surgeons of the Rank & pay of Doct'r Rumney received Virginia Land bounty of the same amount that officers in the Line were entitled to, receiving the same pay & rations & believing that they as the representatives of Dr. Rumney might lawfully claim said land they have in the course of the last year petitioned His Excellency the Governor for its allowance [see endnote], which from some cause unknown to your petitioners was rejected. The claim of your petitioners it will be perceived is founded upon record proof extracted from the Revolutionary Archives of the State, and the testimony of several respectable persons who have a perfect recollection of Dr. Rumney and his services. This being the case they confidently hope and believe that the same measure of justice will be awarded to them in this case as others have received under like circumstances. It further appears from the Auditor's certificate that Dr. Rumney's pay p'r. day was at the rate of 24/— and rations accordingly, which your petitioner believe will entitle them to the same am't. of bounty Land that officers of the same pay & rations in the Line received, and that according to that rule the amount would be such was allowed to a full Colonel. All these matters they submit to the judgment and tender consideration of your Honorable bodies, and pray that the Register may by law be authorised to issue warrants to them accordingly – & they will ever pray

John Adam – Jane Dade – Rob't Adam & the heirs of Honoria McClean by Thomas Hord their agent & attorney in fact.

Doctors Fouchee [sic: William Foushee R14223] & Julian [John Julian VAS1341] & Doct'r. Walter McClurg have rec'd. land from Va. and numerous others under similar circumstances./ 10 vol. Hen. Stat. at large p. 141 [[Hening's Statutes at Large](#)]

Jan'y. 23^d 1836 ref'd to Rev'y C[lai]ms

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

District of Columbia County of Alexandria to wit.

Personally came before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for the s'd. county Dan'l. Payne [Daniel Payne] a resident of s'd. county and being a person of respectability and whose statement is worthy of full faith and credit I believe – and he being first duely sworn deposeth – that he well knew Doct'r. William Rumney late of the town of Alexandria and that he the s'd. Doct'r. William Rumney attended on the soldiers at the Barracks in this s'd. town of Alexandria and so continued to attend till the end of the War of the Revolution. Aff't. also sometimes saw Doct'r. [James] Craik with him. Aff't. thinks they were the oldest & chief physicians about here at the time that were in the service – And

further he saith not. Given under my hand this 9 day of Oct. 1834.

Jonathan Shillaber

In this case there is some doubt about Dr. Rumneys service after March 1780. On maturely considering the case I allow the claim for a service as surgeon in the Continental line from 12 March 1778 to 3^d Mar 1783 equal to a service for three years
D Campbell [Gov. David Campbell]
1838 Apl 9 allowed as above

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Alexandria (City) – Dade, Jane.]

To the Honourable the Legislature of the State of Virginia.

Your petitioner Jane Dade, the widow of Charles Stuart Dade of Alexandria, deceased, one of the legal heirs of Dr William Rumney, deceased, holds in her own right as one of said Rumney's legal heirs, a Land Warrant No 8628 for 1125 acres, issued by the Register of the Virginia Land Office, for the services of said Rumney in the Revolutionary war.

The said warrant is directed "to the Principal Surveyor of the lands set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental Establishment," there is such a Surveyor, but the land promised "good land" is not to be found.

Wherefore, in default of land, your petitioner respectfully asks a commutation of said warrant, and that she be paid therefor, in money, the sum of one dollar and twenty five cents per acre. Your petitioner prays this interposition in behalf of herself and all others in like situation and as in duty bound she will ever pray.

Jane Dade

Alexandria Jan'y 3^d 1850.

NOTE: The petition to the governor is among [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) and adds no additional detail except to state that Robert Adam was the brother of John Adam. Also in the same file is a statement by Rutha Thrift that she had lived in the family of Robert Adam near Alexandria, and that "Dr. Wm. Rumney died a very short time after the close of the s'd. War at the house of said Rob't. Adam."