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Virginia documents pertaining to James Urrey (Orrey) VAS2032  
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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Bedford County – Parker, Moses....  
Some documents not directly pertaining to Urrey are not transcribed here.]

To the Hon. Speaker of the House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia

Your Petiononers Moses Parker, Jas Parker, John Parker & Sally Ramsey humbly represents; that a certain James Orrey, or Urrey (a native of Great Britain) but a resident of the state of Virginia previous to 1776 and a soldier of the Revolution that in the year 1787 duly surveyed & patented (see Patent) a tract of Land containing 206 Acres on the side of the Blue-ridge in the County of Bedford on which he erected Cabbins in which he resided untill his demise in 1798; that many years previous to his death he settled your petitioners Moses, Jas. Parker, and Nancy Parker (since dead) (the mother of your petitioners John Parker & Sally Ramsey) than children and whom he always acknowledged and recognised as his natural Children & heirs; with their mother on the aforsaid Land. That they untill the death of the said Orrey were entirely under the controul and Guardianship of their reputed father (Jas Orrey) and actually in his latter days supported him by their Labour. That a short time previous to his death he will'd the said Land to your petitioners Moses, & Jas Parker, & Nancy Parker since dead who left as issue your petitioners John Parker & Sally Ramsey and to Aaron Parker who died a few years after the said Orry without any heirs – leaving the said will in the hands of Christopher Suttten that thro' the carelessness of said Sutton was never put to record and the said Sutton dying a few years after the said Orrey and your petitioners being destitute of any education or advisor and living retired from any society, near the summit of the Blue ridge on the aforsaid Land, and not doubting their title, and believing that the said will had regular been proven and put to record, and continued to reside on the same, paying the taxes (as may be seen by reference to the receipts accompanying this petition) Your petitioners have latterly been informed by the Escheator of this County that an inquest had been holden at the Court-house of their County and the land duly escheated. Your petitioners therefore pray that an act of your honorable body may be passed releasing to your petitioners the commonwealth right to said tract of Land and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray &c Moses Parker/ Jas Parker/ John Parker/ Sally Ramsey

Beverley Randolph Esquire Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of VIRGINIA, TO ALL TO WHOM these Present shall come, GREETING: KNOW YE, that in Consideration of the ancient Consideration of one Pound five Shillings Sterling paid by James Urrey into the Treasury of this Commonwealth there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto the said James Urrey Assee [assignee] of henry Bunch a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Two hundred and Six acres by Survey bearing date the Twenty fourth day of August one Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Six lying and being in the County of Bedford on the Waters of Otter River and bound as follows.... with its Appurtenances; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said James Urrey and his Heirs forever.  
IN WITNESS whereof, the said Beverley Randolph Esq. Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of VIRGINIA, hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth [to be] affixed at Richmond, on the Twenty Second Day of August in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Seven and of the Commonwealth the Twelfth [signed] Beverley Randolph