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Virginia documents pertaining to James Blake VAS2523
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

I do certify that James Blake Inlisted in the year 1776 and about the month of February in that year under Holt Richeson [VAS1954] a recruiting officer in the Continantal Service and at the battle of Germantown in the year 1777 [11 Sep 1777] had his leag broke and died from said wound

[Thomas Lipscomb Ensign]
to said Reg't

King William to wit Thomas Lipscomb came before me one of Commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid and made oath that the above Certificate contains the truth Given under my hand this 2nd day of November 1811
Jno. Hill

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency [several illegible words]

Your Memorialist James Blake [several undeciphered words] that their ancestor James Blake formerly of King William County some time about the spring of 1777 enlisted as a soldier of infantry in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the revolution for five years, which time of enlistment he served [sic] and then reenlisted for and during the War, The said James Blake enlisted on a muster ground then called Butlers old field and the said Blake was wounded in the leg in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] from which wound he died as they flatter themselves they will be able to prove to your satisfaction. Under the foregoing circumstances your memorialists are advised that the said James Blake at the time of his death was entitled by the laws of the land to military land bounty for his services as soldier in the [Virginia] Continental line for and during the [ink blot here and where marked by *] war and to which they are now entitled as he[*] & distributees. They therefore respectfully [*] that your Hon'bl body will allow them the [*] by law they are entitled to under the above [*] circumstances and will direct the register of the land office of Virginia to issue a warrant or warrants for the same They beg leave to refer the accompanying documents marked D. C. & G as evidence to support their claim and as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c – as witness our hands and seals this 29 day of July 1835.

Witness Anna herXmark Blake/ Richard Hay/ David hisXmark Butler
[?] Sutton

State of Virginia King William County ss
James Jones of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty five years on the first day of July 1834 as hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Blake of King William County and I well know that the said Blake inlisted in the revolutionary army of the united states and that he the said Blake was wounded in the thigh at Germantown and his leg was obliged to be cut off of which he died in the army. Given from under my hand & seal this twenty ninth day of march 1834. James hisXmark Jones

State of Virginia King William County ss

I Edmond Beadles of the County aforesaid [undeciphered word] on the [undeciphered] day of August 1834 do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with James Blake of King William County and know that the said James Blake William Sullins [VAS2524] and James Shepherd [James Sheppard (Shepherd) W7631] enlisted in the army of the United States during the revolution and in the continental service, for five years and after they had seved the five years for which they enlisted they then reenlisted in the same sevice for and during the war, and the said Blake was killed in the service and the said William

Sullins was wounded in the service in the thigh of which wound he died whilst in the service and of course never returned home. The said Shepperd returned home after the war was over. Given from under my hand this 27 day of August 1834. [signed] Edmund Beadles

The affidavit of Mary Bone of the County of King William aged seventy five years. This affiant being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that she was well acquainted with James Blake of the same County, and well knows that the said James Blake enlisted into the revolutionary army of the United States as a common soldier and knows that the said James Blake never more returned home again and she understood that he the said Blake was wounded in the thigh in the battle at Brandywine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] of which wound he died – further this affiant saith not. Given from under my hand this 16 day of October 1834. Mary herXmark Bone
Teste/ John Cardwell

The affidavit of John Butler of King William County aged seventy one years. This affiant being duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with James Blake and that he well knows that the said James Blake enlisted into the revolutionary army of the United States as a common soldier for three year. The said Blake enlisted at a muster ground on the land on which I then and now lived. the said Blake went into the revolutionary army soon after he enlisted and there remained until he was killed, and of course never again returned home. Further this affiant sayeth not. Given from under my hand this 17 day of October 1834. [signed] John Butler

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We the undersigned heirs of James Blake do by these presents appoint Robert B Gaines of the City of Richmond my Agent and Attorney, for me and in my name and stead, to demand and receive from the Register of the Land Office of Virginia, any and all warrants for Bounty Lands to which I may be entitled on account of the services of the said James Blake deceased in the Revolutionary War... [boilerplate omitted] And my said Agent Robert B Gaines may retain out of the proceeds of said Warrants, scrip, or substitutes, one half part thereof, as compensation for his services and expenses, for which this deed shall be a lien; and this power shall be irrevocable. Witness my hand and seal, this 7 day of August 1835. [signed] Richard Heis[?]/ Ann herXmark Blake
[County of King William] David herXmark Butler/ James Blake/ John Blake/ David Butler

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 10th day of December 1784 in the name of James Blake as a Soldier of Infantry for £10.5.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Wm Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 20th day of August 1835.
J Adam Smith 1 clk/ Acting AUDITOR.