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Virginia documents pertaining to Thomas Block VAS2541
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To the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Petition of Elias Reed and Sarah his wife formerly Sarah Block and Nancy Block, which said Sarah and Nancy are children and Heirs at Law of William Block dec'd who was the sole surviving brother and heir of Thomas and Henry Block [VAS2540] respectfully shew

That they are informed and believe that the said Thomas and Henry Block were soldiers in the Revolutionary War and well justly entitled to receive their bounty lands for services rendered their Country, and which as yet have never been received either by the said Thomas and Henry – their surviving brother and Heir or by your petitioners, or by any one for them or any of them – nor as far as they have information has the said claim been transferred or assigned to any one, but as they are advised and believe still resides in your Petitioners who are poor & much in want.

Your Petitioners are informed and believe that the said Thomas Block enlisted in the year 1777 in Captain Bracies [sic: Thomas Bressie R12763] company which was raised in the County of Henrico and went from thence to Portsmouth in this State and some time in the same year were transferred to Captain John Hudsons Company which belonged to the second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and was attached to General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] Brigade, was engaged as a soldier in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] and continued in the service of his Country till the end of the war They farther represent that the [one or more lines missing at bottom of page] female Petitioners was the only Heir of his deceased brothers and they are his Heirs, and consequently entitled to succeed to his rights – their father died about three years ago, and it has been but very lately they were aware that they had any right to assert the present claim. They therefore pray that a Warrant may be granted them for such quantity of Land as under the Law they may be entitled to.

Elias Reed & Sarah his wife formerly Sarah Block
Nancy Block

City of Richmond to wit

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the city aforesaid John Hudson [W3422] of Henrico County and made Oath, that he was well acquainted with Thomas and Henry Block who were natives of the County of Elizabeth City – that in the year 1777 the said Thomas Block enlisted in Captain Bracies company which was raised in and about Portsmouth in the said County to which this affiant belonged & in which he served – that some time after the said enlistment and in the same year the said Thomas Block and this affiant were transferred to Captain John Hudsons Company which belonged to the second Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment and was attached to General Muhlenburgs Brigade and marched with it from Valley Forge, and were in the engagement at Monmouth and at Stony Point, and remained in the service of the united States until the war was ended [sic] by the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in the State of Virginia [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] – when they were discharged. This affiant farther states that after the war was terminated the said Thomas Block came to Chesterfield County and lived until the year 1813 [undeciphered word] when he died, leaving a widow but no child or children and his widow is now dead. The said affiant farther states that the said Henry Block enlisted as a fifer in the same company and after serving in that capacity for about two years and eight or nine months was taken sick and died. That he never married and left no child or children. That William Block was brother to the said Thomas and Henry, and the only surviving brother and their Heir – they having [lines missing at end of page] and two daughters Sarah and Nancy the first of whom intermarried with Elias Reed and the other is still single. These are the only children of the said William Block, and the only

blood relations of the said Thomas & Henry now in being so far as this affiant knows or believes. Given under my hand the 13th day of June 1828. Thos Pulling

Henrico County To Wit

This day Alexander Childress [W10604] (an old Revolutionary pensioner) of the said county personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the said County and made oath according to law. That he was well acquainted with Thomas Block and Henry Block his brother, both of whom enlisted in the service of their Country in the Revolution, under Captain John Hudson. Thomas Block served under him during the time Hudson remained in service, and was then transferred to some other company; and served to the end of the War. His wife (who was my sister) and himself are dead, and they left no child. Henry Block who also enlisted for the war, under John Hudson was said to have been taken sick, after having served some time, obtained (as is believed) a furlough to come home and is believed to have died (before he reached home), and consequently left no child. these men were privates on Continental Establishment. Wm. Block their brother who died since they did, in Richmond; left a Widow and two daughters, one of which married Elias Read and the other is single. Given under my hand this 2nd day of October 1838

John Hales J.P.