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Virginia documents pertaining to William Burgess VAS2783
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To his Excellency Francis W Gilmore Governor of Virginia
 Your Memorialist Respectfully Represents to your Excellency that he is now about sixty seven years of Age that His father was named John Burgess that he had two Brothers William and Thomas both Younger than himself that William went into the army of the Revolution and as your memorialialist Understood Died in service being at his death an officer of some grade in the Virginia Line that Thomas has been long since Dead having died single and unmarried and intestate. That his father has been dead about forty four years ago leaving two Children only to wit your Memorialist and a sister older than himself who has now been dead about four years leaving the following Children (to wit) Thomas Thearsley, Polley now wife of my son John C. Micajah Thearsley & Margery wife of Edmund Deisell[?] as her only heirs.

Your Memorialist being induced to believe that his late Uncle acquired a Right to bounty land in right of his Revolutionary services and for which the father of your Memorialist was the heir at law. Therefore your Memorialist prays your Excellency to take his case into your Consideration and that you will grant to him and his co heirs the allowance of Bounty land to which his late father as the heir of his Brother Lieut William Burgess acquired a Right and your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever Pray
 [signed] Miles Burgess

Richmond/ Land Office Decem'r 30 1840

I certify that it appears from an examination of the books of the Virginia Land Office that Land Bounty has not been allowed William Burges. Teste/ S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office

[A copy of the document from which the following is extracted is at
<https://www.fold3.com/image/9162050>]

A List of the Officers who hath at any time since the first Day of January 1777 serv'd in the fourth Reg't of Virg'a Forces specifying their Rank, & dates of Commissions, also such Promotions, removals, Resignations &c as have happened in the time

Names/ Rank/ dates of Commissions/ Promotions, Removals &c/ time of Promotion, Removal &c				
Elliott [Thomas Elliott VAS1952]	Colo	1776	Resign'd	1777
Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850]	Lt. Colo.	1776	Promoted	1777
Sears	Major	1776	Promoted	1777
Beall [Isaac Beall VAS2437]	Captain	February 8 1776	Promoted	February 1 st 1777
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Edmond Read [W8084]	First Lieutenant	1776	Resign'd	July 6 1777
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Wm Davenport [William Davenport]	2 ^d Lt	Sept 26 1776		
Edward R Jiggitts	ditto	Octo 20 1776	Resign'd	August 17 1777
John Southerland	ditto		Deceas'd	February 22 1777
John Lewis	ditto	Jan'y 1 1777	Supseeded	1778
Edward Allen [VAS2209]	ditto	Jan'y 6 1777		
Wm. O. Callis [William Overton Callis W6645]				
	ditto	Jan'y 6 1777		
Wm Burges			Deceas'd	January 18 1777
James Buxton [X117]	ditto	Feby 21 1777	Resign'd	Nov'r 14 1777

Dennis Ford	ditto	March 22 1777	Resign'd	Oct'r 19 1777
John Wilson [BLWt1616-200]	ditto	March 12 1777		
James Morton [S9035]	ditto	March 14 1777		
James Holloway [R30382]	ditto	June 5 1777		
John Read [R17318]	ditto		Deceas'd	Jany 25 1777
Charles Cason	Ensign	Jany 1 1777	Cheas'd*	Octor 3 1777
			*[cashiered]	

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John Stith [BLWt2064-300] Capt. Comm[andan]t

Land Wm. Burges

The heirs of this officer claim a bounty in Lands equal to that to which he would have been entitled if he had served to the end of the war. They refer to the extract from the "Washington Papers" certified by the Secretary of State of the US and herewith submitted, to shew the time he time he entered the service, the Regiment in which he served, and the period of his death in service. The time of his entering the service (although the precise date is not given) thus appears to have been between the 6th of Jan'y 1777 and the 21st of Feb. of the same year. His grade is not, it will [be] obvious expressly given in the document refered to, but it appears that he was a commissioned officer of some grade not higher than 2^d Lieut. who stood in the same predicament[?; the rest missing]