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Virginia documents pertaining to James Craik VAS3173
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed erroneously as “Craik, John.” One document in the file is illegible.]

The petition of James Craik, William H. Jenefer, John D. Simms and others heirs of James Craik, Surgeon of the Army of the Revolution;

Respectfully states that their said Ancestor was the particular friend of General Washington had served with him in Braddocks war [French and Indian War] and subsequently through the greater part of the Revolution. He was a resident of the town of Winchester in the County of Frederick before the war and subsequently and until his death of the town of Alexandria, or its neighborhood.

On the 3rd March 1781 it appears by the Journal of Congress Dr. Craik was appointed Chief Physician and Surgeon of the Army, and he continued in service until the end of the war, as will appear by the Certificate of Peter Hagner, Auditor, that he drew his commutation which was payable to those, and those only, who served until the end of the war.

Dr. Craik belonged to the Congress troops and not to the line of any particular state – as evidenced, by the very nature of his appointment and said certificate, But as he was a citizen of this state, your petitioners are advised that he was as much entitled to Land Bounty from Virginia, as if he had served in the Virginia Continental line. The Resolution of the 26th November 1779 seems to have been expressly designed to cover such cases as Dr. Craiks. (see 10th Vol. Hennings Statutes at Large page 539 [<http://vagenweb.org/hening/vol10-25.htm>]) on paper marked A filed herewith [not transcribed here]). They pray that the quantity of land [the rest missing from the online image]

City of Washington Sct:

This day Richard Harrison personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the City aforesaid and made oath that he was well acquainted with the late Dr. James Craik of Alexandria. that he was a Surgeon General as he always understood in the Revolutionary army. That he has heard Dr. Craik say he served with the Virginia troops at Braddocks defeat [9 Jul 1755]. That after the Revolutionary war ended he settled in Alexandria, was the family physician to Gen. Washington and continued to reside in Alexandria or its neighborhood until he died which was to the best of his recollection about the year 1814 or 1815.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of December 1830. [signed] R. Harrison

On the application of Mr. Jno. D. Simms one of the Representatives of the late Doctor James Craik it is hereby Certified that it appears by Revolutionary Records in this office that a final settlement Certificate was issued to the said Dr James Craik for Commutation as an officer serving in the Revolutionary Army amounting to Twenty four hundred Dollars an Interest from the 3^d November 1783.

Treasury Dept/ 3^d Aud office/ Dec 23^d 1830/ Peter Hagner Aud

Land office Feby 17 1831

I certify that no Military Land bounty warrant has issued from this office in the name of James Craik.
Wm Selden SL Off^e

District of Columbia/ County of Alexandria. to Wit

This day personally appeared before us, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Susannah Guionnet, and made oath according to Law, that she is now near Eighty eight years of age, that she was well acquainted with the late, Doctor James Craig [sic] of the Town of Alexandria, being a connection of

his, from his marriage with her Cousin, that she well knows from his Court-ship and other circumstances, attending his Connections with her said Cousin "Quinny Ewell" who afterwards became his wife that he the said (Doctor Craig) arrived at the Town of Dumfries in the State of virginia with General Braddock of the British Army who at that period came over to this Country, as she has always understood to fight against the Indians, she also understood and believes that he was in what is now and has in her time ever been termed "Braddocks defeat". she also believes that the said (Doct'r Craig) was afterwards Surgeon and from thence promoted to the station of Surgion General in the Revolutionary War, or what may be termed the "War of Seventy Six". she further states upon oath as aforesaid that before the commencement of said War that she understands and believes the said Craig resided in some part of the upper Country of the State of Virginia, in what county or Town thereof, she cannot name, that after the termination of said War he resided in the Town of Alexandria and died there or in the Neighbourhood of said Town, in truth of which she has herewith affixed her name. [signed] Susanna Guionnet

Given under our hands this Twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and thirty One, and of the Independence of the United States the Fifty fith./ Alexr. Hunter/ James Carson