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Virginia documents pertaining to Caleb Dawley VAS3322
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

In the name of God Amen, I David Dawley Senr of the State of Virginia and Princess Anne County being of sound mind and memory do make and adorn [ordain] this to be my last Will and Testament disannuling all other will or Wills made by me, vizt: Item I lend the use of negro Hannah to my loving wife Polley Dawley during her natural life, and after my wifes death, then the said Hannah and her increase to be sold at publick sale and the money arising from the said sale to equally divided between my sons, namely, David Dawley and Jesse Dawley to them and their heirs forever: Also I give and bequeath to my wife Polly Dawley one horse by the name of Blue Skin, one riding Chair & harness two feather beds and furniture one large blue chest, to her and her heirs forever; Item I give the land and plantation where I now live on, with the land that I purchased of Dennis Capps laying westardly of the plantation that I now live on to my son David Dawley and his forever. I also give and bequeath to my son David Dawley one negro man by the name of Charles, one negro girl by the name of Pleasant, one hand mill, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever; Item I give to my son Jesse Dawley the land and plantation that I bought of Dudley Whitehead laying south of the plantation that I now live on, divided by a line of mark'd trees; I also give to my son Jesse Dawley one negro boy the name of David, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever; Item I lend to my grand son William Etheredge one hundred and fifty dollars, to be left in my son David Dawley's hands to hold and give for the said William Etheredge's schooling and support the said child. Item I lend to my grand daughter Nancy Etheredge one hundred, dollars to be ascertained in my son David Dawley's hands to School and support the said Child, Item I lend all my property not devised [undeciphered word] to be sold at publick sale and after all my just debts paid to be equally divided between my two sons, namely David Dawley and Jesse Dawley to them and their heirs forever, lastly I do hereby make nominate, my son David Dawley my hole and sole Executor, only I leave my friends John Simmons and John Munden to assit in by business and the said Simmons and Munden is to receive six dollars for their services, and this I do make and adone my last Will and testament disannuling all other Wills made or executed by me, In Witness, I do hereby set my hand seal this the thirtyeth day of July in the year of Our Lord 1810.

David Dawley

[Proved on 3 May 1813]

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 6th day of September 1830.

The Court Certified that satisfactory evidence was adduced to prove that Caleb Dawley was a Sergeant and David Dawley [VAS3323] was a private in the Continental line of the revolution in Capt Ballards [Thomas Ballard] Company of the Virginia line and continued in service to the end of the war of the revolution.

Authority is given by me to Cadwallader Wallace Esq'r to obtain for the heirs at Law of the late Caleb & David Dawley the Land Warrants due to them for their services during the War of the Revolution

R. W. Finch

Agent and Attor'y in fact for Jessee & David Dawley
Sept. 10th 1830

Caleb Dawley & David Dawley Soldiers
1830 Nov 18 Rejected

Princess Anne County to wit

Personally appeared before Jesse Morris a Justice of the Peace for the said County Malachi Carroll [S8180] a Soldier of the Revolution who did make oath that Caleb Dawley was a Sergeant of Infantry in Capt. Thomas Ballards company, Virginia Line and Continental Army and was in Service 3 years and 6 Months and was honourable discharge and I certify that Malachi Carroll is worthy of credit. Given under my hand this 25th day of Jan'y 1832

Jesse Morris Jr. JP

Caleb & David Dawley adv[ise]d to be rejected 14 June 1832
1832 June 14 Rejected

The affidavit of Malichi Carrol: [12 Sep 1833]

This affiant being duly sworn, saith, that he is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age and resides in the County of Princess Anne in the State of Va. that he was a soldier in the Revolution. that he served six months in the Va. Militia under Capt. Harris as a substitute for his Father James Carrol that he afterward enlisted in the Va. Continental line under Capt. Ballard in the Reg't. commanded by Col. Woolford [sic: Gen. William Woodford?] and served in the Army of the revolution three years & six months and to the close of the Revolutionary war. was at the siege of Charleston in S. Carolina and was discharged at Charleston at the close of the war. that he was acquainted with Caleb Dawley of Princess Anne, that the said Dawley enlisted in the Va. Contineltal line at the same time this affiant enlisted in the same Company & Reg't. & the said Dawley was taken prisoner near Charleston [probably at the surrender on 12 May 1780] and was exchanged and that the said Dawley was service more than three years and was discharged at Charleston at the close of the war. This Affiant is now on the pension list of the U. States.

Malachi hisXmark Carrol

The Affidavit of Guidean Dawley: [17 Sep 1833]

This Affiant being duly sworn, saith that he is now in the seventy-one year of his age and was born in Princess Anne C'y. & State of Va. was acquainted with Caleb Dawley and is certain that the said Dawley was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. This Affiant was no a soldier in the war himself, but from what he has heard from others, and from his own knowledge that the said Dawley was in service until after peace, and returned with his regimentals on the same, which he the said Dawley wore in service – that it was not doubted at the time, nor since, but that the said Dawley was in Service all the War This Affiant has not a doubt of the fact

[signed] Gideon Dawley

NOTE: For possible reasons for the rejection of this claim see my endnote to the pension application of Malachi Carroll S8180.