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Virginia documents pertaining to William Fincham (Flincham) VAS3570  
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Rappahannock County towit

I William Smith of the County aforesaid and State of Virginia hereby certify that William Fincham was a soldier in the company of Captain George Slaughter [W8729] of the county of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] for two years during the revolutionary war. I farther Certify that the said William Fincham was in the army in the company commanded by the said Captain George Slaughter when the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] were fought, that he fought in one of these battles and was taken a prisoner of war by the British Army but how long he remained a prisoner I am unable to say. The said William Fincham lived in the county of Culpepper when he enlisted. I also Certify that after he was released he returned to his native county where he lived until he died which event happened about twenty years ago. Given under my hand this the 20th Day of February 1850.

William Smith

The petition of the heirs of William Fincham alias William Flincham respectfully represents that their ancestor was a soldier of the war of the revolution in the Continental line  
They respectfully refer to the accompanying evidence concerning his said service, and pray that that they may be allowed the bounty land promised by statute to the soldiers of that war

March 15th 1850

Hon [Governor] John B Floyd

Sir I have received from the heirs of one William Fincham, a certificate to prove the services of their ancestor in the revolution, which, with a petition praying an allowance of bounty land, I ask to lay before you.

I find by Smith [probably Commissioner John H. Smith] report to the legislature, in the Journal of the session of 1834-5 in document 44 page 18 the name of William Flincham, listed as soldier on Continental establishment I am satisfied that it is the person mentioned in the certificate, for the reason that the name has been and is still spelt, written, and pronounced, both ways, and in the record of the last century, such as [undeciphered word] is written, Flincham, more frequently than Fincham Very

Respectfully/ your obt Ser't

[undeciphered signature]

26<sup>th</sup> April '50

Advised. Even if the applicant be the same as he whose name appears on the Army Register, he cannot be entitled to bounty land, because it would seem that his service was but for two years.

This man was it appears taken prisoner. He is reported by Smith as entitled  
Bounty land allowed for three years service in Continental line as soldier [Gov.] J B Floyd