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Virginia documents pertaining to William Radford (Redford) VAS4191
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City of Richmond to Witt

Personally appeared before me Thomas Cowles a Justice of the Peace in and for the City aforesaid Joseph Childress of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia after being duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with William Radford son of Francis Radford and knows that said William Radford enlisted under John Pleasants in the fall of seventeen hundred and seventy five for the Term of two years in the Contineltal service the said William Radford enlisted again thereafter for five years or during the ware that Pleasants who was Captain turned the said Redford over to Lieutenant John Royster but do not know what Regiment he joined I do not recollect who said Redford served under the second enlistment which took place in the County of Henrico. County State of Virginia until near the close of the war when he died with the small pox this deponent states he believes the said Redford served four or five years and never heard whether his heirs recieid any compensation for his service or not the deponent says further that he is certain that the said William [the rest missing at bottom of page]

To the Executive of Virginia. [15 Dec 1834]

The undersigned heirs of Wm Redford by law respectfully to present, their Memorial for Land Bounty, to the Executive of Virginia, and in support thereof to submit the following statement viz. That your memorialists are citizens of the Town of Petersburg and state of Virginia, that they are nephews in right of their wives who are nieces of said Wm Redford. that he served under Captain Pleasants, was turned over to Lieutenant John Royster. Enlisted for two years, in Seventeen hundred and seventy five, in the Continental Service – after serving said time, he Enlisted again in Henrico Va for five years, or during the war. that near the close of the War he died of small Pox. that he served four or five years. Your Memorialists verily believe themselves entitled to Land bounty for the services of Wm Redford aforesaid, and are induced to this conclusion more from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject. They therefore believe that if the claim can receive the advantage of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore, it will be fully shown. They Respectfully ask, that their case may be considered, and such a disposition made thereof as that right and justice may be done
Judith Wright herXmark, niece of Wm Redford dec'd and formerly Judith Redford
John A Freeman in right of my wife Magdalen niece of Wm Redford dec'd
Lucy Redford herXmark Sister of William Redford dec'd

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heirs of William Radford beg leave respectively to present their memorial for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof and in support thereof to submit the following Statement that your Memorialist are the Nephews and Nieces of of the said William Radford and are now Citizens of the State of Virginia that he inlisted under John Pleasants in the fall of seventeen hundred and seventy five for the term of Two years in the Continelton service The William Redford enlist again thereafter for five years or during the War that Pleasants who was the Captain turned the said Redford over to Lieutenant John Royster but don know what redgment he joined does recollect the name of his officers he served under – the second enlistment which took place in Henrico County State of Virginia until near the close of the war when he died with the small Pox, tho not before as they are induced to believe he had served more than three years – your Memorialist very believes themselves entitled to Land Bounty for the services of William Redford aforesaid and are induced to this conclusion more from the repute of others, [part missing at bottom of page] themselves posses per- [part missing at bottom of page]

by the Commissioner appointed therefore that it will be fully shewn, they respectfully ask that their case may may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as that right and justice may be done Witness our hands

Rebecca Redford Niece of William Redford Dec'd

Eliza Redford Neice of William Redford Dec'd

Frans [Francis] Childress Newp [nephew] to William Redford

William Childress hisXmark Nawp to William Redford

Boling A Childress hisXmark Newp to William Redford

Jesse R Childress hisXmark Newp to William Redford

Richmond City Va towit: I Certify as a Justice of the peace for said City that the foregoing Names

Rebeckah Redford and Eliza Radford nieces of William Redford Dec'd formerly a soldier in the revolution whose services are prooven both of the City of Richmond did sign and acknowledge the foregoing memorial in my presence this 1st of Jan'y 1835

Wm Allison JP

Henrico County

I hereby certify as a justice of the peace for s'd county that the above named Wm H Childress, Boling Childress, Jesse Childress & Francis signed & acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney to John Bush in my presence [the rest missing at bottom of page]

State of Virginia } Personally came Francis Childress, of Richmond City and state aforesaid before
Richmond City } me Wm Allison an acting Justice of the City aforesaid who being duly sworn saith, that Rebeckah Redford, Eliza Redford Lucy Redford Francis Childress, Boling Childress William H. Childress Jesse Childress John Freeman in right of his wife Magdalane Freeman formerly M. Redford niece to Wm. Redford & Judith Wright formerly Judith Redford Heirs of Wm Redford Dec'd whose services are prooven in the Revolution as a soldier and that the above are the only liveing Heirs that he know of. and that he fully believes the proof made for said William Redford' services are just and true Sworn to this 5th of Jan[?] 1835 [signed] Francis Childress

[See endnote regarding the following certificate.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 30th day of July 1787, in the name of William Radford as a Sergeant of Infantry for £117.9.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Wm Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 18th day of March 1835.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Report upon the claim of the heirs of Wm. Redford, or Radford, a Serg't of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services. [see endnote]

To the Governor

Sir The facts which have been prov'd by the Petitioners are that Wm Radford, a Serjeant of Infantry of the virginia Continental line, receiv'd a certificate, for his service, prior to Jan'y 1, 1782, for £117.9.0 the bal. of his full pay which certificate was deliver'd to Wm. Reynolds July 30th 1787 (see auditor Certificate.)

That Wm. Radford, or Redford, enlisted first for two years in the continental service, and after having serv'd the said term of enlistment, reenlisted for 5 years or during the war, in the same service. That he serv'd until very near the close of the war, when he died with the small pox &c (see aff't of Joseph Childress)

It appears, that William Radford, a Sergeant, of the continental line, has receiv'd 400 acres of land for his services. Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Comm'r &c/ May 15 1835

Rejected 2 June 1835

NOTE: The heirs did not claim that this William Radford or Redford had been a sergeant. John H. Smith, Commissioner of Pensions for Virginia, mistakenly assumed that the Auditor's certificate pertained to him. More likely it pertained to a different William Radford (VAS401), whose heir had already received bounty land.