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Virginia documents pertaining to James Thomas and Mathew Thomas VAS4699
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Affidavit of Elizabeth Jopley

The affiant being duly sworn, saith that she was well acquainted with James Thomas and Mathew Thomas who were brothers and distantly related to the affiant—that James Thomas, in the early part of the war, ran away from John Giles to whom he was bound to learn the house-carpentry business, and enlisted in the regular army for five years or during the war as she has often heard him say; that she has heard him say he was wounded at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and has herself seen the wound where a ball passed through his arm, that she has heard him say, that he was taken prisoner at Charleston [probably 12 May 1780] and made his escape and came home; that he came home a few months before the war was ended. That James Thomas lived in Nansemond County Va [part missing at bottom of page] Nansemond County Va, enlisted in the regular service in the town of Suffolk for three years. the affiant distinctly recollects the circumstance of Mathew Thomas enlisting in the army in the town of Suffolk for three years, because the affiant's mother, to whom Mathew Thomas was related, was very much distressed at his going into the army, and the affiant went with her mother to the town of Suffolk to tell him farewell the very day that he marched away from that place. The affiant frequently saw Mathew Thomas after he returned from the army and has heard him say that he was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. The affiant further saith that Mathew Thomas did not return home until the war was over and has heard him tell her mother that he had served his [part missing at bottom of page] [Nansemond County, 17 Sep 1833]