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Virginia documents pertaining to Elisha White VAS4947
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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). One document could not be deciphered.]

1780 Sept 18th Received of Elisha White, the sum of twenty three hundred & thirty nine pounds. Also five hundred and eighteen pounds, for pay and ration from the 8th Sep 1777 to this day, & balance due for expenses collecting [undeciphered] recruits & from different [undeciphered], for bounty &c to men enlisted for the War. Also four hundred & fifty pounds for all [undeciphered] called [undeciphered] from February 13th 1777 to this day
Wm White
[Copy certified in Richmond 1 Oct 1832]

I Susan Cornick formerly Susan Cocke hereby certify that my mother was the widow of Capt Elisha White at the time of her marriage with [my] Father Colo Rich'd Cocke [Richard Cocke]. I further certify that I have frequently heard my mother relate that Captain White was an Officer in the Virginia Continental line & was with the army at the North and that he was sent back to Virginia by Gen'l Washington to recruit for the army & whilst engaged in the recruiting service he died some time in the year 1781. Capt White left a Son Elisha C White who is his only heir at law.

[Princess] Ann Cty June 27th 1832 Susan Cornick

Princess Ann Cty to wit

I John Cornick a justice of the peace for the aforesaid County hereby certify that Mrs Susan Cornick this day made oath before me to the truth of the above certificate.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of June 1832 Jno Cornick

Hanover County Va.

This day personally appeared before me Milford M. Brown a justice of the peace for the said County of Hanover, the Rev'd Charles Talley, who made oath that he was acquainted with Capt. Elisha White, an officer in the revolutionary war; that the said White after having served in the army for some time in the north, returned to Virginia, and was a recruiting officer in that State, in the year 1777 or 1778. Given under my hand this 24th of October 1832 M. M. Brown

It is known to many old persons now living that Capt White was an officer in the C Line and whilst at Valley forge killed Capt Green in a duel, which circumstance excited a prejudice in the army against him & he was sent on to Virg'a & retained as a recruiting officer untill his death in the year 1780 or 1781.
January 17th 1833 JWM [J W Murdaugh]

NOTE: Muster and pay rolls show that Elisha White was commissioned a lieutenant on 11 June 1777, and during the encampment at Valley Forge, December 1777 - June 1778, he was in the company of Capt. John Moss (VAS773) and then Capt. Calohill Minnis (BLWt1507-300) in the 1st Virginia Continental Regiment. In June 1777 and periodically afterward he is recorded as being in Virginia recruiting. In the April 1778 muster he is recorded as "absent without leave." I could not identify a Capt. Green killed in a duel at Valley Forge. There was a Capt. John Green (BLWt866-500), but he survived until after the war.