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Virginia documents pertaining to Bartlett Willis VAS5034
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Some documents in the file are illegible.]

Being called on by Mrs. Ann F. Davenport to state what I know relative to the service of Bartlet Willis in the Revolutionary war; (who was the uncle of said A. F. Davenport;) I do certify, that I was intimately acquainted with the said Bartlet Willis, & I do know that he served in the War of the Revolution three years; and to the best of my recollection under one Capt. Jno. Dandrige [John Dandridge W6993] of Hanover under whom my Brother William Harris enListed. The said Willis was a resident of Goochland and lived about eight miles from where my Brother & myself lived in the County of Hanover all of the state of Virginia given under my hand this 18th of Ap'l. 1837. David hisXmark Harris

Being requested by Mrs Ann F. Davenport to state what I know (relative to the service of her Uncle Bartlet Willis in the revolutionary War; do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with said Willis, & have often heard him and my Husband Daniel Thomas talk of being soldiers together in the war of the Revolution and that they served the whole of the war out – my Husband Daniel Thomas rec'd his pay & Land but the said Willis did not: for I know that he wanted my Husband Thomas to get his compensation for his services also as they were together, but he never attended to it. I heard them speak of many Battles which they were in together, particularly the Battles of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and the seige of York [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. The said Willis lived in a quarter of mile of said Thomas & they were most always together during the latter part of their lives after the war. I do further certify that the said A. F. Davenport is the nearest of kin which the said Willis has living that I know of
[Richmond, 19 April 1837] Mary Thomas

Deposition of James Gray [S17987] Goochland Co. Va/ May 28th 1839.

Ques. 1 Did you know Bartlett and William Willis [possibly S39125]?

Ans 1 I was well acquainted with both of them.

Ques 2^d Were they Soldiers in the Revolutionary War?

Ans. 2 I know that Bartlett Willis was.

Ques 3^d Where was Bartlett Willis stationed?

Ans 3 Below Richmond on either side of the River, but principally at Cabin Point.

Ques 4th Under whom did Bartlett Willis serve?

Ans 4 Under Capt. Gideon Hatcher and Capt William Miller and also under Capt. John Britt.

Ques 5th was he ever engaged in any battle during the Revolutionary war?

Ans 5^t I do not know, but I have heard him speak of his being engaged in several while at the north.

Ques 6th At what place was he discharged?

Ans 6 He was discharged first at Petersburg and then at Gloucester Court House.

Ques 7th Did he serve with you under the same Officers

Ans 7 He did

Ques 8th Did he serve with you in the Militia or in the Regular army”

Ans 8th We served in the Militia a tour of two months were discharged and served again on the second tour, but we were separated before it terminated

Ques 9th Did you know him at any time as a soldier belonging to the Regular army–

Ans. 9 I never knew this certainly, but he was generally called an old Soldier of the Regular Army – And farther the deponent sayeth not.

James X Gray
his mark

[The deposition of Thomas Rountree dated 28 May 1839 in Goochland County is illegible.]

N.B. It is probably, necessary to state that Mr. Thos. Rountree has scruples in regard to many questions, peculiarly his own for instance "he says that Pleasant Willis was legally married and that Ann F Willis was born after said marriage – Upon this principle he might doubt his own children[?]

To his Excellency the Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Your Memorialist Ann F. Devenport of the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia begs leave respectfully to represent to your Excellency that herself, her sister Frances Thompson of Athens, and brother Pleasant Willis near Athens in the State of Alabama and her cousin [blank] Willis the wife of said Pleasant Willis are the next of kin and only heirs of Bartlett Willis and late of the County of Goochland who died intestate many years ago without being survived by any children or other descendants having never been married. That early in the War of the Revolution said Bartlett Willis enlisted as a Soldier of Infantry in the Virginia Continental Line and served three years if not the whole war. At this distant day she cannot prove precisely under what Officers he served (except Captains John Dandride & William Miller of the Continental Line (see Smiths Report No 1, pages 9 and 19) nor can she prove what particular battles he was in or what service he performed but she flatters herself that from the Documentary evidence hereto annexed and marked A. B. C and D that it is manifest that said Bartlett Willis served at least three years if not longer as a soldier of Infantry in the Virginia Continental Line in the War of the Revolution; that in that capacity he was in various battles to the North and was at the battles of the Cowpens & at sige of york & therefore your memorialist is advised that said Bartlett at the time of his death was entitled by the Laws of the Land to military Land Bounty for his services as a Soldier of Infantry as aforesaid for a period of at least three years and to which your memorialist together with her aforesaid brother & sister & the wife of her said brother who was another heir of said Bartlett Willis and are now entitled as his only heirs. She therefore respectfully prays your excellency to allow to her & her said Brother & sister & the wife of her said brother so much Land as by Law they are entitled to under the foregoing circumstances and direct the Register of the Land Office of Virginia to issue a Warrant or Warrants for the same & as in duty bound she will &c &c

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