Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Claim for Joseph Savage BLWt2088-300 VA
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Va. Savage, Joseph B.L.Wt.2088-300
Surgeon's Mate
Issued Aug. 25, 1789
No papers
[Note: the file contains the normal correspondence advising that the records relating to claims predating 1800 were lost in the fire which destroyed the War office in that year.]

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. The file also includes long correspondence arguing for additional bounty land.]

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me John Green a Justice of peace in, and for
Henderson County Sct } Henderson County aforesaid John Savage & Woodson Smith, the husband of Jane Smith alias Savage who being duly sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God do say that John Savage, Richard B. Savage, Jane Smith alias Savage, Mary Givens, alias Savage, Hannah Dixon, alias Savage, Nancy Cash, alias Savage, and Frances Cash, alias Savage, are the children and (the widow being dead) the sole, and alone heirs of the late Doctor Joseph Savage Deceased, who served as surgeon in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment to the close of the war of the revolution; and do further swear that the heirs of said Doctor Joseph Savage Deceased have never received, nor have any others claiming as heirs to s'd Dr. Savage their ancestor Deceased to their knowledge received from the state of Virginia beyond the 2666⅔ acres alledged hitherto to have been granted to him the Extra Land Bounty of 444 acres (or whatever it may be) for one, or more (as may be) years' service over six by their said ancestor Doctor Joseph Savage in the war of the revolution nor did the said Dr. Joseph Savage in his life time to the knowledge off these Deponents receive said Extra Land Bounty from said state of Virginia; and further Deponents say not. Signed John Savage Woodron Smith
Sworn, & subscribed before me John Green, Justice of peace in, & for Henderson County Kentucky this 27th 8th Mo. 1832. John Green J.P.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. What appears to be a petition for additional bounty land signed by R. B. Savage and Mary E. Sisk is illegible.]

To Governor Smith:/ D Sir:
I wish the Executive to state that the grade of a Surgeon's Mate is equal to that of a Capt. of the State or Continental Line. If it be, then I will issue a warrant for the 1333⅓ acres to the Heirs of Joseph Savage dec'd. Most resp'y/ S. H. Parker/ June 22 1848

15th May '50. In reference to the Register's enquiry, we are of opinion that a Surgeon's mate was entitled to no more land than a Lieutenant of the line, and therefore that this person has received all he was entitled to Advised to reject.

The Continental rule is to give surgeons mate the pay of Captain. we have no rule fixed & established. I therefore addopt the rule fixed by the act of Congress/ Claim allowed additional 1333⅓ acres
J B Floyd [Gov. John B. Floyd]