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Bounty Land record of Philip Hockaday BLWt2217-200

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Know all men by these Presents that we John Williams and Cynthia his wife, John G Mitchell, Guardian of Elizabeth Hockaday, John Jones and Mary his wife, Abner W Hockaday, William Hockaday and Susan B Tyree all of New Kent County and State of Virginia do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Northrup of Louisville Kentucky but now on business at Washington City our true and lawful attorney with powers of substitution for us and in our names to ask demand and receive from the Secretary of War of the United States a warrant for the Bounty land due us in right of the services of our Great Uncle Philip Hockaday as a Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and who fell in battle at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. And our said attorney is hereby authorized to deposit the said Land warrant when so received with the Commissioner of the general land office and to ask demand and receive and receipt for the Certificates or land scrip do their own and to assign transfer and makes sale of the same and to do and perform all manner of things necessary to be done in and about the business. Witness our hands and seals this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1838

Witness

S/ Richmond Williams  
S/ Nathaniel J Turner

S/ John Williams  
S/ Cynthia Williams  
S/ John G Mitchell  
S/ John M Jones  
S/ Mary Jones  
S/ Abner W Hockaday  
S/ William Hockaday  
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[p 7: Finding by the Court of James City County Virginia dated May 14, 1838 that John Hockaday, by affirmation, prove that James Hockaday deceased late of New Kent County Virginia was devisee and elder brother and heir at law of Philip Hockaday, Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line in the Army of the Revolution who fell at the battle of Brandywine being a single and unmarried man; that William Hockaday deceased of New Kent County was the eldest son of the said James Hockaday and departed this life intestate leaving his eldest son William as his heir of his real estate; that said William Hockaday departed this life in New Kent County intestate about 15 or 16 years ago and that Cynthia wife of John Williams, James Hockaday, deceased, John Hockaday of Lynchburg Virginia, Abner W Hockaday, William Hockaday, Mary wife of John Jones & Susanna B Tyree (widow) are his children and only heirs at law; that Elizabeth, and infant under 21 years of age, is the daughter and only heir at law of James Hockaday deceased son of William Hockaday deceased.]

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Certified that Lieutenant Philip Hockaday of the Sixth Virginia Regiment entered the service March 1776 and on the Continental establishment fell in the action at Brandywine 11<sup>th</sup> September 1777. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1783

S/ O. Towles, Lt. Colo. [Oliver Towles]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[a copy of the certificate of Oliver Towles transcribed above]

At a Court held for New Kent County 11<sup>th</sup> September 1783 this Certificate was produced to the Court and was proved by the Oath of John Hockaday – and also that James Hockaday is heir at Law to the within Philip Hockaday – and the same is ordered to be certified

Test                      S/ Will: Clayton

To his Excellency David Campbell Governor of Virginia

Your memorialist respectfully represents to your Excellency that his late Great Uncle Philip Hockaday was a Lieutenant of the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and fell at the battle of Brandywine in said Revolution being at the time of his death a single and unmarried man and that by the laws of that a James Hockaday his eldest brother and the grandfather of your memorialist became his heir and obtained a warrant for 2666 acres of land in right of his said services which land descended in a like manner from James Hockaday to his eldest son William Hockaday the father of your memorialist who has now been dead about 15 years leaving seven children – Your memorialist has been led to believe that there is yet do you some small amount of land in addition to the quantity heretofore allowed in right of the said Philip Hockaday. Therefore he prays your memorialist to take his case into your consideration and that you will grant him and his co-heirs the allowance of any additional number of acres that shall yet appear to be due you and your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Abner W Hockaday

[Attested in New Kent County Virginia, the date of the attestation being cut off at the bottom of the image of this document.]