

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Read R17318

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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Claim under the Half Pay Act July 5, 1832

[f p. 2: Power of attorney dated June 6, 1846 given by William H Read who states that he is one of the heirs of John Read a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line whereby he empowers his attorney to prosecute the claim of the heirs of John Read for bounty land from the state of Virginia. He signed this document with his mark]

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Department of State  
Washington August 21, 1846

James L Edwards Esquire Commissioner of Pensions

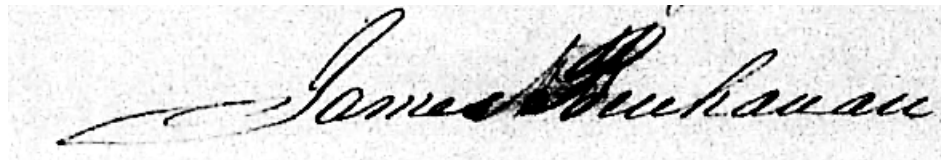
Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to inform you that an examination of the Washington Papers has been made for evidence of the service of John Read in the Virginia Line of the Revolutionary Army; and that in a return purporting to be "A list of officers who have at any time, since the 1st day of January 1777 served in the 4th Regiment of Virginia Forces, specifying their rank and dates of Commission, also such promotions, removals, resignations &c as have happened in the time," the said John Read is returned as a second Lieutenant – date of Commission, Blank – deceased January 25, 1777.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

James Buchanan<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Buchanan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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<sup>1</sup> The 15th president of the United States of America

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Addendum to John Read R17318

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 30 Jan 2021.

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

To the Executive of Virginia:

The undersigned, one of the heirs of John Read, who was a Lieutenant of the Va. Continental Line, in the War of the Revolution, respectfully represents to the Governor and Council, that said John Read was a Lieutenant of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Va. Continental force, and died in service January 25<sup>th</sup> 1777.

In proof of this he refers to a certificate of the Secretary of state of the U.S. and of J. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, that according to a [undeciphered word] made in the "Washington Papers," said John Read was [undeciphered] in 1777, as a second Lieutenant as aforesaid, deceased Jany 25 1777.

Having been in service, his representatives being entitled to bounty Land, and your petitioners therefore ask an allowance of bounty from Jany 25<sup>th</sup> 1777 to the end of the War.

Jany 1<sup>st</sup> 1817.

Wm. Read, for himself and other heirs of Lt. John Read