Virginia documents pertaining to William Burgess VAS2783  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.  

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]  

To his Excellency Francis W Gilmore Governor of Virginia  
Your Memorialist Respectfully Represents to your Excellency that he is now about sixty seven years of  
Age that His father was named John Burgess that he had two Brothers William and Thomas both  
Younger than himself that William went into the army of the Revolution and as your memorialist  
Understood Died in service being at his death an officer of some grade in the Virginia Line that Thomas  
has been long since Dead having died single and unmaried and intestate. That his father has been dead  
about forty four years ago leaving two Children only to wit your Memorialist and a sister older than  
himself who has now been dead about four years leaving the following Children (to wit) Thomas  
Thearsley, Polley now wife of my son John C. Micajah Thearsley & Margery wife of Edmund Deisell[?]  
as her only heirs.  

Your Memorialist being induced to believe that his late Uncle acquired a Right to bounty land in  
right of his Revolutionary services and for which the father of your Memorialist was the heir at law.  
Therefore your Memorialist prays your Excellency to take his case into your Consideration and that you  
will grant to him and his co heirs the allowance of Bounty land to which his late father as the heir of his  
Brother Lieut William Burgess acquired a Right annd your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever Pray  
[signed] Miles Burgess  
Richmond/ Land Office Decem’r 30 1840  
I certify that it appears from an examination of the books of the Virginia Land Office that Land Bounty  
has not been allowed William Burges. Teste/ S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office  

[A copy of the document from which the following is extracted is at  
https://www.fold3.com/image/9162050]  

A List of the Officers who hath at any time since the first Day of January 1777 serv’d in the  
fourth Reg’t of Virg’a Forces specifying their Rank, & dates of Commissions, also such Promotions,  
removals, Resignations &c as have happened in the time  
Names/ Rank/ dates of Commissions/ Promotions, Removals &c/ time of Promotion, Removal &c  
Elliott [Thomas Elliott VAS1952] Colo 1776 Resign’d 1777  
Lawson [Robert Lawson VAS850] Lt. Colo. 1776 Promoted 1777  
Sears Major 1776 Promoted 1777  
Beall [Isaac Beall VAS2437] Captain February 8 1776 Promoted February 1st 1777  
Edmond Read [W8084] First Lieutenant 1776 Resign’d July 6 1777  
Wm Davenport [William Davenport] 2d Lt Sept 26 1776  
Edward R Jiggitts ditto Octo 20 1776 Resign’d Augus 17 1777  
John Southerland ditto Jany 6 1777  
John Lewis ditto Jany 1 1777 Supseeded 1778  
Edward Allen [VAS2209] ditto Jany 6 1777  
Wm. O. Callis [William Overton Callis W6645] ditto Jany 6 1777  
Wm Burges ditto Feby 21 1777 Resign’d Nov’r 14 1777  
James Buxton [X117] ditto Deceas’d January 18 1777
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John Stith [BLWt2064-300] Capt. Comm[andan]t

Land Wm. Burges

The heirs of this officer claim a bounty in Lands equal to that to which he would have been entitled if he had served to the end of the war. They refer to the extract from the “Washington Papers” certified by the Secretary of State of the US and herewith submitted, to shew the time he entered the service, the Regiment in which he served, and the period of his death in service. The time of his entering the service (although the precise date is not given) thus appears to have been between the 6th of Jan’y 1777 and the 21st of Feb. of the same year. His grade is not, it will [be] obvious expressly given in the document refered to, but it appears that he was a commissioned officer of some grade not higher than 2d Lieut. who stood in the same predicament[?; the rest missing]