Virginia documents pertaining to Henry Field VAS3564
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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

State of Kentucky  Jefferson County  to Wit
Came Robert Coleman before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made Oath that in
the year One Thousand seven hundred & Seventy Eight Henry Field a Lieutenant of the Virginia line on
Continental establishment in the late American Revolution died leaving two legitimate Children Elizabeth
and Judith  That in the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety five Judith Field married a Certain Francis
Taylor of the County of Mason & Town of Washington and State of Kentucky  that in the year 1796 the
said Elizabeth Field died leaving no Child or Children and without having ever been married. This
deponant further says that the said Judith Taylor Wife of the said Francis Taylor, is the Sole Heir of her
the said Elizabeth Field and of her Father Henry Field. And further this Deponant Saith Not
Robt. Coleman
Sworn to this fourth day of April 1797 before me Abr’a Hite J.C.J.C.

State of Kentucky  Mason County  to Wit
Came Francis Taylor the person mentioned in the within deposition before us the Subscribers Justices of
the peace for said County and made Oath that no Warrant was ever to his knowledge obtained for bounty
Lands by the within named Lieutenant Henry Field deceased or by any other person for him the said
Henry Field deceased of for his representatives or either of them nor does he this deponant believe that
such a Land Warrant was ever obtained. This deponant further says that he does not know nor does he
believe that the said Henry Field deceased ever received any compensation for his services as a Lieutenant
in the army of the United States, except the sum of £41.4.0 mentioned in a receit from him to Capt.
Slaughter [George Slaughter W8729]. Further this deponent saith not. Francis Taylor
Sworn and subscribed to before us the Subscribers Justices of the peace as aforesaid this 18th
day of April 1797. John Willson/ John Johnston

State of Kentucky,
Jefferson County Set:
I George Slaughter, now of the County & State aforesaid, but late of County of Culpeper & State
of Virginia, do certify, that Henry Field was, during the American War with Great Britain, a Lieutenant in
the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment. That the Company in which he serv’d as Lieutenant as
aforesaid, was commanded by myself as Captain, & that the said Company belonged to the Eighth
Virginia regiment. I further certify that the said Lieutenant Henry Field left the Army on Furlough & as far
as I know or believe died in the Service of his Country & without Resigning. I also certify that since his
Death I have heard several officers, who to my knowledge, knew the said Lieutenant Henry Field in the
service & who served with him in the same Line, give it as their opinion that he never resigned his
Commission. Given under my Hand & Seal this fourth Day of July 1797.

George Slaughter
State of Kentucky, Mason County to Wit.

This day came Robert Coleman before us the subscribers Justices of the peace for the County afo’d and made oath that Lieutenant Henry Field the person spoken of in a Certificate from George Slaughter bearing date the fourth day of July [undeciphered] died in the year 1778 in Culpeper County State of Virginia, leaving two Legitimate Children Elizabeth and Judith. That in the year 1795 Judith married a certain Francis Taylor of the County and State afo’d. That in the year 1796 the said Elizabeth Field died sole and without Issue. That the said Judith is the only surviving Child of the said Henry Field, and is heir to him the said Henry, and of her the said Elizabeth.

Sworn to before us the [blank] day of July 1797. Rob’t Coleman

General Mughlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg BLWt1495-850] was the Colo. under whom Mr. Field served. He was also known in the army by Gen’l. Stevens [Edward Stevens VAS1922], of Culpeper.

Fr. Taylor

Sir Please deliver to Mr. Robert C. Camp the land warrant to which I am entitled in right of my wife (late Judith Field) who is the sole heir & representative of Lieut’ Henry Field the person mentioned in the depositions and Certificate that accompany this. I am Sir/ your mo. Ob’t. Serv’t.

Francis Taylor

The Register of the Land Office of Virginia 2d October 1800

The deposition of Thomas Freeman respecting the claim of Francis Taylor as Representative of Henry Field for Military Land.

This deponent says he was in company with the said Henry Field a few days previous to his death, and that the said Field had not then resigned his Commission as Lieutenant, and informed this deponent he intened immediately upon his recovery to enter the Service again, and that he was then entitled to a Captains commission by rotation and of course he positively did not resign and died in the service of the United States upon Continental establishment, belonging then to the 8th Virginia Regiment, Commanded by Colo. Mughlenburg.

Thomas Freeman

Culpeper County to wit/ Sworn and subscribed this 17th day of November 1802 before us

Birkett Davenport Will Broadus

I do Certify that George Slaughter Esq’r. the Deponent within mentioned, was a Captain in the 8th Virginia Regiment, at the time mentioned by him – that he was afterwards promoted to the Rank of Major. I further Certify that the Lieutenant Colonel & Major who Commanded at that time are both dead. I was not Acquainted with the services of Mr. Field, but Consider his Heirs entitled to the Bounty in Lands allowed by Law, if he died after November 1776; Provided he neither Resigned or was Cashiered.

Given under my hand this 14th May 1803.


Philadelphia Aug’t 12th 1803

sir I am favord with a Letter from S. Coleman Esq’r wherein he requests me, to transmit to your Excellency, such information as I may possess, relative to the claim of the late Henry Field to the bounty in Land, granted to the Officers of the Virginia Line.

I am sorry that it is not in my power to be explicit on this occasion. My Book which contains the different arrangements of the Virg’a Line, & other Documents, I have loan’d to Capt’n Hubley, who resides in the Western Country, & who probably will not return it before the Fall – from some circumstances still fresh in my memory I am led to believe that Lieut. Field actually Died in the service of
Philadelphia March 24th 1804.

I certify that having carefully examined my Books, & the papers in my hands, which contain Memorandums &c relative to the 8th Virg’a Reg’t I am enabled to state – That in 1776 Mr. Henry Field was appointed a Lieut’t. in the 8th Reg’t, Cap’tn Geo. Slaughters Company. That he marched with the Reg’t to the Southward [see endnote], where he was taken Sick, & obtained a Furlow from me permitting him to return to Virginia, & there to remain, until his Health should be restored. The last return made to me, rg the 8th Reg’t, was in February 1777 & signed by Ab’rn Bowman [Abraham Bowman W396], Lieut. Colo. In this return, Lt Field is stated to be absent with leave, for the recovery of his Health. I can not find any thing in my papers, that could lead me to believe that Mr Field had resigned, on the contrary, I have every reason to believe, that he was considered as being in the Service, to the day of his Death. I am led to this belief, by the following circumstance. In a report made to the Commander in Chief of the whole Virginia Line I find Lieut Field reported Died – while several other Officers of the same Reg’t. are reported Resign’d. Had Mr Field been considered as having resigned his Commission the Vacancy occasion’d by his resignation would certainly have been fill’d, and a Junior Officer Promoted. This was not done, until the Death of Mr Field was known.

P. Muhlenberg
late Maj’r Gen’l

[Addressed to Gov. Page]
NOTE: The 8th Virginia Continental Regiment under Col. Peter Muhlenberg was among those sent to repel the attempted invasion of Charleston SC. During the battle of Fort Sullivan on 28 Jun 1776 the regiment was stationed at Haddrell’s Point.