Virginia documents pertaining to Ralph Jopling VAS3899
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[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia. The file also contains an illegible affidavit by Daniel Tyler of Bedford County VA.]

State of Virginia
Bedford County  [26 Jan 1827]

[illegible] Jopling aged sixty years doth on his oath say that Ralph Jopling was appointed an Ensign in Capt Samuel Cables [sic: Samuel Jordan Cabell VAS753] Company duly commissioned by congress and entered the service in the county of amherst in the state of Virginia attached to the Sixth Regiment of the Virginia line on continental Establishment in the spring of 1776 for the term of three years and that the said Ensign Jopling died with the Small Pox at Philadelphia in the fall or winter of the year 1777 deponent was intimately acquainted with the said Ensign Jopling from his youth until his death and was a distant relation to him and knows that the said Ralph Jopling is the same Person whose Heir is now an applicant for land Bounty & further sayeth not.  James Jopling

Bedford County  Virginia  April 5th 1827
Sir I herewith transmit you my papers in favor of my claim to bounty lands which were presented to the consil by Mr Irwin[?] one of our members. The papers were suspended with an indorsement that the credibility of the witnesses should be proved. I have obtained the certificates of Captain John H Otey and Robert Campbell acting Justices of the County; who have both been members of our legislature and perhaps known to some of the [undeciphered]. This is the kind of proof which Mr Irvin informed me the counsil would require.

You will [several undeciphered words] lay my papers before the counsil at its next meeting and if the claim is allowed you will please to enclose the certificate and send it to me directed to Chambless Store  Bedford County, please [undeciphered] the papers [several undeciphered words] as soon as possible. I [illegible] you will excuses me for giving you this [undeciphered]

From your ob’t Servt/ James Jopling Jr

James Jopling Jr of lawful age being duly sworn doth say that he has never received from the State of Virginia nor from the United States any land bounty on account of services rendered by Ralph Jopling as an officer of Virginia line on continental establishment neither has any other person, as the heir of the said Jopling so far as he knows or believes and further says not
[20 Nov 1827]  James Jopling Jr