Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Reuben Layton VAS854
Transcribed by Will Graves 9/11/13

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

I do Certify that Reubin Layton [sic] Served in 1st Regt. Light Dragoons in the Service of the United States of America the time for which he Engaged as a Good Soldier and an honest man. Given under my hand this 10th day of January 1781
A Copy Auditors Office October 22, 1783
S/ Charles Jones, Clerk S/ J. Belfield
Capt. L. Dragoons

I Do Certify that Reuben Layton Enlisted in 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons the 22nd day of December 1777 for three years
A Copy Auditors Office October 22, 1783
S/ Charles Jones, Clerk S/ J. Belfield
Capt. L. Dragoons

Sir,

Pleas to deliver to Mr. Thomas Healy for my Land Warrant Agreeable to my Discharge and you will Oblige your Humble Servant
S/ Reuben Layton, X his mark

Colonel Meriwether
John Hodges March 27th 1784