Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Read R17318  
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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]

[f p. 5]

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 Buchanan¹

¹ The 15th president of the United States of America