Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Blackley VAS2531 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

To his excellency John Floyd Governor of the state of Virginia. The petition of Henry Sears (for himself & his grand mother) the only surviving heirs of Richard Blackley Dec'd) respectfully represents that his grand Father the late Rich'd Blackley was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war. That he enlisted under Charles Callier of the first Virginia State Reg't (which Regt your petitioner has understood was Commanded by Col George Gibson [BLWt1985-500]) for the Term of three years and that he died while in actual service. Your petitioner begs leave to refer to the Certificate accompanying this petition. Your petitioner has every reason to believe that the said Richard Blackley never did Receive a land warrant for his bounty land, and your petitioner now seeks to obtain that justice in the premises which by a recent act of Congress has been awarded to all those Similarly Circumstanced with himself. He therefore asks that a warrant may be granted him for the lands due to his grand Father for his military services. And as in duty bound he will ever pray.

I Certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Blackley of Middlesex County who enlisted under Charles Collier of the first Virginia state Regiment Commanded by Col George Gibson for the Term of three years and that he died while in actual service. As witness my hand & sel this 27th day of July 1832. [King and Queen County] Alexander hisXmark Shackelford [Alexander Shackelford S7506]