Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Isaac Read VAS4183 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

Know all men by these presents that I Clement Read of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia the eldest Son of Col Isaac Read dec'd late a Col'n of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the revolution, do by these presents, nominate, constitute and appoint George W. Read Esq'r of said County my true and lawful attorney [the rest not transcribed] [10 July 1838]

To his Excellency David Campbell governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia: [11 July 1838]

[Your] petitioner Clement Read of the County of Charlotte and State of Virginia respectfully represents that he is the eldest son of Col'n Isaac Read a Col in the State Line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the war of the revolution that the said Isaac died in service (your petitioner believes) in the year 1776. [at Philadelphia] At the time of his death the law of primogeniture was in force in Virginia and the said Read dying Intestate as to his military claims your petitioner being his eldest Son became the heir of his property not disposed of by his will & has already received some time since about 6666 acres of Land for the services of Col'n Isaac Read. Your petitioner would refer your excellency to the will of Col Isaac Read herewith filed & presented. he would therefore pray an additional allowance of bounty land due for the service of Col'n Read, which a humane & Equitable Construction of the pension Laws grants. [signed] Clement Read

Tuesday March 26th 1776 Isaac Reade esquire Lt Colo of the 4th Regiment appeared, subscribed the Articles of War was sworn and received his Continental Commission From page 66. The foregoing is truly copied from the Journal of the Committee of Safety Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond, this 13th day of July 1838. Jas. E Heath Aud

NOTE: The online copy of the will of Isaac Read is largely undecipherable but begins as follows: "I Isaac Read of Charlotte County of sound health and judgement as good as usual, do make this [undeciphered word] for my last will when I die I expect to be buried and sincerely hope for the [undeciphered word] of a happy life in heaven. My Estate of every kind I [undeciphered word] may be kept together until my son Clement shall come of age or die during which time my wife and children be [undeciphered word] maintained and my son or sons be liberally educated...." The will named the following as executors: his wife, Sarah Read, Col. Thomas Read and Col. John Coleman, and it was proved on 2 March 1778,