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Pension application of William Hackney VAS1355 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of October 1783, in the name of William Hackney, as a Soldier of Infantry for £56.3.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Eppes and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 18th day of March, 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of Virginia Prince George County

Personally came Thomas Dowden¹ before me Francis E. King an acting Justice of the peace for the said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that William Hackney was a regular Soldier for three years in the Continental service in the first Virginia Continental service commanded by Colonel Davis in Captain Peter Joneses Company and served until his death that he enlisted in 1777, was at the siege of Charles Town [Charleston, May 12, 1780], where he died that I never knew of any other person of the name of William Hackney and that he is in his eightieth year of his age. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 6th day of August 1834.

S/ Thomas Dowden, X his mark

[p 5: partial legible petition filed by the "Brothers and Sister and Nephews of William Hackney"]

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[Prince George County, Virginia]

Personally came Mary [image partially obscured and illegible] of the County & State aforesaid [presumably Prince George County Virginia appears at the head of this document since the acknowledgment is taken in that County] before me Lemuel Hunnicutt an acting justice of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Ann Hackney, Salley Hackney, William Rives in right of his wife, Joseph Womack in right of his wife, Travis H

¹ Thomas Dowden (Doudeen) W4181

Womack Son of Salley Womack formally Salley Hackney and Hartwil Hackney's Heirs (viz.) Dudley Brockwell in right of his wife, Delington Roach and Robert Hackney, son of Hartwell are the only Heirs of William Hackney Deceased formerly a soldier in the Revolutionary war who services are proven by Thomas Dowden. Sworn to before me this 4th day of October 1834 S/ Leml. Hunnicutt, JP

[Acknowledged in Prince George County Virginia]

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Report upon the claim of the heirs of William Hackney, a Soldier of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services.

To Governor Tazewell

Sir,

This soldiers name has been found only once on the Army Register of the Continental line. A certificate issued, in the name of William Hackney a Soldier of Infantry, October 23rd, 1783, for £56.3.4, the balance of his full pay &c; which certificate was delivered to Mr. Eppes (See Auditors Certificate.)

A soldier, named William Hackney, has received 100 acres of land, for his services in the Continental line.

The following facts have been proved by the testimony which is relied upon by the Petitioners – to wit – that William Hackney was a regular soldier, for three years, in the first Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davies – that he enlisted in Captain Peter Jones' Company, in the year 1777, and died in 1780, at the Siege of Charleston, in service. (See the affidavit of Thomas Dowden, a respectable witness.)

The above is as full a report of facts as I am able to make in this case – Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

April 3rd 1835

[Transcriber's note: page 16 of this file begins an analysis of the claim of Cornelius Haggany's heirs for bounty land. [See also papers in VSL indexed under the name Cornelius Hagany]. Page 22 of this file begins an analysis of the claim of the heirs of Joseph Hailey for bounty land for service in Lee's Legion.]