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Virginia documents pertaining to Alexander Elam VAS3483  
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To His Excellency the Governor of Virginia. [22 April 1837]

The memorial of William Elam of Fayette County and State of Illinois one of the heirs at law of Alexander Elam deceased respectfully represents: That Alexander Elam the ancestor of your memorialist was a soldier of the Revolution and served as such in the manner and during the time stated in the annexed affidavit of Edward Elam the brother of the deceased and uncle of your memorialist. Your memorialist is unable to enter into detail as to the service of said Alexander Elam as the said Alexander died when your memorialist was quite young. Your memorialist well recollects to have heard said Alexander (your memorialists father) speak of his services in the Revolutionary War at various times and recount various scenes connected with said services, but on account of your memorialists tender age at the time he cannot state the particulars as recounted to him by his said father.

And your memorialist would further represents unto your Excellency that he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish the service of his said father the time he entered the service, the length of time he served or the mode and manner of his discharge & that no such documentary is now in existence within the knowledge of your memorialist. Your memorialist would therefore in consideration of the premises pray your Excellency to grant to him such relief as by the laws of Virginia awarded in like cases and your memorialist as in duty bound &c. [signed] Wm. Elam

State of Illinois [22 April 1837]

Fayette County Sct. Edward Elam of Bond County and state aforesaid being duly sworn says. That he is the brother of Alexander Elam deceased. That he knows of the service and enlistment and service of said Alexander Elam for the term of one year. That said enlistment and service commenced during the first year of the War of the Revolution. that the officers as now recollected were James Anderson Captain and William Baskerville 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant the other officers are not now recollected. And this deponent further says that some months after the expiration of said first enlistment said Alexander again enlisted and served during the term of three years. Said Alexander was enrolled by Colonel Lewis Burrell [Lewis Burwell] but did not march away with him. The Officers under whom said Alexander served during this second enlistment this deponent never knew. The aforesaid enlistments were made in the County Mecklenburgh [sic: Mecklenburg] in the State of Virginia. In what Regiments Companies or Corps the aforesaid services were rendered this deponent never knew as this deponent at the time of the said first enlistment was about twelve years of age & further says not. Edward hisXmark Elam