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Virginia documents pertaining to Robert Farish VAS3542
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[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). A statement by John Sutton S6178 in Caroline County on 14 May 1835 is not legible enough for transcription.]

State of Virginia }
Caroline County } To wit:

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County above named Robert Satterwhite [S11346] who after being duly sworn saith that he enlisted in the war of the Revolution he thinks about the first of the year 1778 and shortly after enlisting under Captain Clough Shelton [BLWt740-300] he was marched to Philadelphia, that he saw and knew Doct. Robert Farish was from the same County That he was that he cannot say positively whether Doctor Farish acted as surgeon or surgeon's mate, but he acted as one when he entered the service in 1778 and how long after he cannot say as he himself quit the service after his three years had expired for which he is now receiving his pension – I furthermore certify that Mr. Satterwhite is much respected as a man of rectitude of character and his word may be relied on for any statement that he will make.

Given under my hand and seal this the 16th day of March 1835. David Turner J.P.

Report on the claim of the heirs of Dr. Robert Farish – Surgeons-mate of the Continental line, for bounty land for his services.

Governor Sir, Dr. Farish settled his accounts as Surgeons mate of Artillery, of the Continental line, with State Auditors, for a service from May 20 1780 to Dec'r 31 1781; and receiv'd certificates for the balance due him, amounting to £259.11.11 (in settlements by State Auditors of the accts of Cont'l Officers.) It does not appear, that he made any settlement with Mr [undeciphered], the Continental Commissioner.

The claimants have prov'd by highly respectable witnesses the following facts, viz.

That Dr R. Farish enter'd the Cont'l service as Surgeon or Surgeons mate some time in the year 1777 and that he was in service in 1778 – how long afterwards he continued in service, the witnesses do not know. (See the aff'ts of John Sutton an officer of the Army of the Revolution, and of Robert Satterwhite a soldier &c.)

The evidence of Record, and the testimony of living witnesses prove this claim to be good, for a service of three years. accordingly I report it good for the service of Dr Farish for 3 years, in the Cont'l Army as Surgeons-mate.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c
April 27th 1835

To his excellency Littleton W Tazewell Governor of Virginia

The memorial of Thomas B Farish Geo B Farish Charles Farish Stevens Farish William H Farish & Ann Tefoe[?] formerly Ann Farish of the County of Caroline Edmund Farish of the State of Mississippi Robert S Farish of the state of alabama Hazlewood Farish of the state of Missouri Livinia Waugh formerly Livinia Farish of the district of Columbia Sarah Johnson formerly Sarah Farish of the State of Tennessee & Mary Ross formerly Mary Farish of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county

Respectfully represent that they are the descendants and only heirs at Law of the late Dr Robert Farish who was a surgeons mate in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary war Your memorialist state that they know nothing personally of the services of said Farish but have been informed that he lived in Caroline County and entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 and continued in said service till the latter end of 1781 Your memorialist presuming that the standing of Mr John Sutton Sen'r. of this county is known to your excellency whose affidavit is respectfully submitted with this memorial as also the affidavit of Mr Robert Satterwhites and as said Satterwhite is an obscure

individual your memorialist have taken the affidavit of the Clerk of the county in addition to the certificate of the Magistrate to prove that said Satterwhite is a man of unimpeachable veracity Your memorialist would also refer your excellency to Com'r Smiths report shewing that said Farish did continue in service till December 1781 Your memorialist hope as many of the heirs of said Farish are so scattered that it will be manifest to your Excellency that a rigid enforcement of the order which requires that all the heirs shall sign this memorial would exclude them from all participation in the appropriation lately made by Congress, which it is understood will be the last They therefore respectfully beg that your excellency will take into consideration the difficulty of their situation and act upon their claim upon the application of such of the heirs as it has been in their power to see

[signed] Thos. B. Farish

George B Farish

Charles T. Farish

Stevens Farish

Wm H. Farish

[Caroline County, 13 July 1835]