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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Peter Leath and Stephen Leath VAS860 vsl 2VA Transcribed by Will Graves 9/15/13

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Farmindell Prince George County Virginia May 12th 1780

I do hereby Certify that I Commanded a Regiment of C¹avy [Cavalry] in the Continental Service, Raised by the State of Virginia under an act of the Legislature of the said State passed about the Month of June 1776. In which said Regiment were Enlisted two Men whose names were Peter Leath and Stephen Leath and to my certain knowledge Stephen Leath was wounded in an Action with the Enemy on the Banks [of] Shughkill [Schuylkill River] – in the State of Pensylvania [Pennsylvania] and died of his Wounds some short time after. The full time for which the said Regiment was Enlisted expiring on the 25 day of December 1779, the said Peter Reenlisted in the said Regiment for a further term (as I was informed being then detached from the Regiment on a Separate Command) of three years or during the war, and marched with the said Regiment of Light Dragoons to Georgia where he was present at the assault of the Savannah, soon after which he was by accident killed by a Carbine discharged at him while asleep as was reported to me by the Officer [who] Commanded the Regiment in my absence – And I do further Certify that Arthur Leath is the Heir at Law & Legal Representative of the said Peter & Stephen Leath Deceased as appears by a decree of the County Court of Prince George.

S/ Theok Bland [Theodorick Bland]

Prince George Sct.

I do hereby Certify that John Rains and George Bonner being neighbors and acquainted with the family of the Deceased Peter & Stephen Leath have this day made oath before me that Arthur Leath is the elder Brother & Heir at law of the said Peter & Stephen [the image of this document as posted online cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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Prince George Sct.

I do hereby Certify that I was well Acquainted with the family of the above said Peter Leath & that the above named Arthur Leath is Heir at Law to the said Peter Deceased.

S/ Peter Williams

A Copy S/W. Lyne, C. B. A. 13th of April 1785

Gent. Auditors Richmond April 10, 1785

Please to grant to the bearer Mr. Perceval Peebles the Certificates, Interest Warrants, & Land Warrants, arising from my Brothers Peter Leath & Stephen Leath's Discharges, & you will greatly oblige

Yr Obt. & Servt.

S/ Arthur Leath

A Copy S/ H. Lyne CBA