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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Samuel Love VAS979 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

Report on the claim of the heirs of Samuel Love deceased late a soldier in the Continental line, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

Samuel Love was a Sergeant of Infantry in the Continental line, of the revolutionary Army. A certificate issued in his name, as Sergeant of Infantry for £18.13.5 the balance of his full pay &c; which certificate was delivered to Colonel Grayson – January 1 1784 (See Army Register of the Continental line.)

Three Irreparable witnesses prove that Samuel Love of Prince William County Virginia was in the Army of the Revolution – Two of them say, he was a Sergeant, and that he served three years – one of them says, he enlisted for three years, and served his full term of enlistment &c (See the affidavits of Jonathan Reave, Jemima Mooney and George Tunnell.)

It does not appear that Samuel Love has ever received bounty land, or that any bounty land has ever been allowed to his heirs, for his services –

Respectfully submitted S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c. August 12, 1835

To the Honorable L. W. Tazewell, Governor of Virginia

Your petitioner Richard Gill of the County of Prince William one of the heirs of Samuel Love, who was a Sergeant or private in the Army of the Revolution; begs leave to present this case for Bounty Land; and makes the following statement – the said Love enlisted under Captain Lee about the year 1776 for three years and served his time – He served in the North – The said Love enlisted under Captain Lee in the County of Prince William and died many years ago – Your petitioner is unable to put to this petition the names of all the heirs, as some of them are unknown to him; therefore he can only sign his name, as one of the heirs of Samuel Love, and prays that his part of the bounty land may be granted –

S/ Richard Gill

[Attested in Prince William County Virginia in 1835 the day and month illegibly faint]

State of Virginia Fauquier County to wit

This day personally appeared Jonathan Reave a citizen of Prince William County aged 71 years, and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Samuel Love formerly of the County of Prince William. He well recollects that said Love enlisted in the Revolutionary Army. He does not recollect the year he enlisted, or what officer he enlisted under; but he recollects that he marched to the North, and that he came home on furlough, and after staying a short time, he returned. This affiant cannot state the term the said Love enlisted for; that he is well satisfied he served more than three years, as he lived in the same neighborhood when said Love enlisted, and when he returned from the Army.

S/ Jonathan Reeve

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[acknowledged July 23rd, 1835 in Fauquier County Virginia – his last name is variously spelled Reave and Reeve-- His signature appears to read Reeve]

State of Virginia Fauquier County to wit

Personally appeared Jemima Mooney of the said County aged 76 years before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn saith that she well recollects Samuel Love formerly of the County of Prince William who enlisted in the Revolutionary Army under Captain __ Lee, as well as she recollects in the year 1776, for three years. He marched to the North, and she is well satisfied he served out fully the term he enlisted for; and she lived in the neighborhood when he started and when he returned. She recollects the said Love coming home on furlough in the year 1778, and returning to the Army after staying a short time – The said Love was reputed to be a Sergeant went home on furlough and when he left the Army.

S/ Jemima Mooney, X her mark

[Acknowledged in Fauquier County July 23, 1835]

State of Virginia Prince William County to wit

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid George Tunnell a citizen of said County aged 75 years and upwards and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Samuel Love who lived in Prince William County & enlisted as a private in the company commanded by Captain Philip R. F. Lee [Philip Richard Frances Lee¹] and when affiant afterwards saw said Love in service, he was acting as a Sergeant. This affiant was not present at the engagement in which Major Andrew Leitch² fell, but was informed & has always believed that the said Love was in that engagement. It was the period of the affair at Fort Washington [November 16, 1776] or about that time – when affiant was in the Army in 1778 he then heard & does not doubt the truth of the statement that the said Love was in the engagement in which Major Andrew Leitch fell he does not know how long said Love continued in service, said Love after the close of the war lived in Prince William County and as affiant recollects was called Captain Love. He never married as far as affiant remembers or heard – and further affiant saith not.

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¹ Lee died from wounds sustained at the battle of Brandywine September 11, 1777

² Leitch died from wounds sustained on the Harlem Plains September 16, 1776

Given under my hand & seal the 16th day of July 1835. S/ Albert Newman, JP [???]