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Virginia Bounty-Land Application of Abraham Cole VAS684
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[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

War Department Section of Bounty Lands 3^d Aug't. 1822.

Thomas Newton Esq'r. Norfolk, Va.

Sir, On the 15th ult'o. your communication addressed to the Secretary of War on the part of the Heirs of the late "Abraham Coles" dece'd. who claim Military Bounty Land in Right of his service & Death in this Revolutionary Army of the U.S., was transmitted to this Office. You will herewith receive back the Documents intended to substantiate the Claim, which have been duly examined. Although they go to prove by numerous affidavits that the said "Abraham Cole" did actually engage in the Virginia Line on Continental Establishm't and that he died in the service; yet they afford conclusive Evidence that he never did acquire a Right to claim Military Bounty Land and of course, that National Gratuity cannot now be granted to his Heirs.

If you will take the trouble to inspect the Volume of Land Laws of the U.S., at Page 191 & 192, you will perceive that the original authority of this Class of Grants, was expressed in a Resolution of Congress of the 16th Sept'r. 1776: "and to the Representatives of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be Slain by the Enemy." Now, all this Evidence in the present Case, satisfactorily proves that "Abraham Coles" aforesaid died of some ordinary Malady; but was not "Slain by the Enemy." the Claim is decidedly inadmissible. I have the Honor to be, very respectfully,/ Sir,/ Your obed't. hum'l. Serv't.

Nat. Cutting

In Nansemond County Court 11th March 1833.

This day Henry Harrison Esquire, Presiding Justice of the Court of Nansemond County, made oath in open Court that he knew Abraham Cole who was a Captain in the Virginia Continental line, and that he died in the service.

Nansemond County
State of Virginia to Wit

This day came before me Wm. Summer a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Abram Riddick of said County and State of Virginia and deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with one Abram Cole of said County and State of Virginia and that he knows that said Abram Cole was a Captain on the Continental establishment in the war of the revolution and that the said Abram Cole died in said service. Given under my hand and seal as a Justice of the Peace for the County of Nansemond this 8th may 1833