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Virginia Pension Claim of James Askew VAS1185

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with John Ashby VAS1184. The online images are fragmented and of poor quality.]

“James Askew a Soldier wounded in Charles Town S Carolina while a prisoner [is?] allowed [several illegible words] to commence [illegible word] July 23 1781[two illegible words] of Assembly.”
[Closing and signature illegible.]
[Askew was probably taken prisoner at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780.]

I do hereby certify that in July 1782 being the time that James Askew [illegible word] on the assembly of Virginia, when his Mother Came before a committe it was then made appear by several officers then Present that the said James Askew, was a Prisoner in Charles Town and while in confinement he had a fall out of a house where By he lost one of his Eyes and was otherways hurt the said Askew I believe is upwards of Sixty Five years old and very infirm

Certify'd under my hand/ G. Thompson
Copy Sec'y. Fluvanna

Sir [Mr. James Askew]/ I have now before me a Letter from the Executive requiring the Court of Fluvanna to enquire into the Bodily ability of all persons within the County receiving annual pensions from the Public, and to make returns to the Governor, distinguishing those who are proper objects to be continued on the List. You will therefore attend the next Court, to make appear the present Condition you are in respecting your bodily ability. I am Sir your Hble Serv't./ J. Timberlake C.F.C.
November 30th 1785

I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that James Askew, aged about 65 years, formerly a private in the 7th Virg'a. Regiment and whose pay was at the rate of £24 per annum, was disabled in the service of the United States; and that he is allowed the sum of Eight pounds yearly, to commence from the first Day of January One thousand seven hundred & Eighty Six.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond, the 31 day of October 1787. T. Meriwether Edm. Randolph
James Askew when a prisoner in Ch's. Town had a fever which rendered him unfit for service and occasioned the loss of one of his eyes. T. Meriwether.

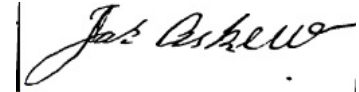
James Askue enlisted into the seventh Virginia Regement on Continental establishment early in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six and served till latter end of year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, during the greater part of which time he was under my immediate command; during his Captivity at Charlestown he was siezed with a fever under which he laboured a considerable time, and so reduced him that he never entirely recovered during my acquaintance with him; by this illness he contracted a pain in his hip which I am informed still continues, it was likewise attended by the loss of the sight of one of his eyes, it was sposed that the first cause of those misfortunes was by a fall from a house which being followed by a fever disabled him so as to render [him] unfit for service, and cause of his being discharged before experation of his term of service, he having been enlisted for the War. at the time of his first enlistment he was mustered as being upwards of fifty years of age
Nov. 13 1787 M. Carrington [Mayo Carrington] late Cap't. 5th Virg'a. Reg't

At a Court held for Fluvanna on Thursday the 3rd day of April 1788 James Askew Pensioner, personally appeared in court and produced a certificate of his admission to the Pension List, & made oath according to Law: and the same being compared with the List of Pensioners and appearing to be right: ordered that the same be recorded. And ordered that the Sheriff pay the said Askew out of the Public money in his Hands the sum of twelve pounds, his pension for the year 1786 and also the sum of twelve pounds for the year 1787. A copy Jno. Timberlake, C.F.C.

3th June 1788

Received of Capt. John Napier Sheriff twenty four Pounds in full for the within pensions for 1786 & 1787.

Witness/ G. Thompson.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Askew", enclosed within a simple rectangular border.

Fluvanna County Court. September 4th 1788.

James Askew, Pensioner came into Court & it appearing that the said James is too remote from the Seat of Government to attend there is order to a reexamination Therefore the Court doth appoint L. McLain Surgeon to examine into the wounds of the s'd James received in the service of the United States and report to Court &c

A Copy Jno. Timberlake, C.F.C.

Fluvanna December Court 1788.

James Askew Pensioner come into Court, and L. McLain Gent. Surgeon who was appointed to examine the wounds of the said James Askew reported that the wounds of the s'd James are of such nature as to render him unable to maintain himself by labour: and it appearing to the Court that the same were rec'd. in the service, and that the s'd Askew at that Time was in the 5th Virginia Regement & is at present about 66 years of age and a resident of the County of Fluvanna: The Court are Therefore of opinion that the said James shall receive a Yearly Pension of Eight pounds: which is ordered to be certified