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Virginia documents pertaining to Christopher Tanner VAS1929
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To the Hon'ble Speaker and Members of Assembly The petition of Margaret Tanner of the County of Culpeper humbly sheweth

That your petitioner's husband Christopher Tanner was in the Militia of this State and whilst in actual service the said Christopher died leav'g your petitioner and three children in very indigent circumstances. Your petitioner therefore pray the general assembly to take her case into consideration and grant her such relief as they may think just, and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Culpeper to Wit

This day Matthias House & John Tanner came before me Henry Hill a Justice of the peace for the af'd County and made Oath that Christopher Tanner was a Soldier in the Militia from the County af'd in the Late Ware between Great Brition and America, and that the s'd Christopher died While in the s'd Service and Left behind him a Widdow by the name of Margaritt & Three Childern now Living in the County af'd. and that the Widow is in Very Low Circumstance Given under my Hand this 24 day of Sept 1792
H Hill

Octo 16th 1792 to Claims

To the Honorable Speaker & Gent'n of the House of Delegates

The petition of Margarett Tanner humbly sheweth that her Husband Christopher Tanner was call'd to perform a tour of Duty in the Militia from the County of Culpeper in the fall of the year 1781 and in consequence of which he marched to the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and there was taken sick and died in the Service leaving your Petitioner a widow with several children to raise and that she has been and still is verry much distressed for the nessessarys of life and whereas the laws of our Country has heretofore assisted widows in my situation your Petitioner prays that your Honorable body will be pleas'd to take her case into consideration and grant her such relief as in your wisdom shall seem Just & Right and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

[signed] Margaret Tanner

Madison County to Wit

This day Joseph Eddins came before me a Justice of the Peace for the aforesaid County and made Oath that Christopher Tanner was Called upon to do a Tower of Duty as a militia man from the County of Culper in the State of Virginia and marched accordingly to the Seige at York in or about the year 1781 and that after the s'd. Tanner had arived neare the s'd. Town he was taken very Sick and s'd. Joseph Eddins Was appointed as a nurs to the s'd Tanner which he did execute untill the s'd. Tanner appeared to be out of all hopes of recovery & then the s'd. Eddins left him, and to the best of his recolection Information said he did the same night he Left him that he did not go to see him after he was dead but has every reason to believe he did dye at that time and that he Left a Widow by the name of Margarate which is now Living and in Very Low Circumstances Certifide by me this 7th day of Sept 1795

H. Hill

Madison to Wit

This day William Taylor came before me Henry Hill a Justice of the Peace for the af'd. County and made Oath that Christopher Tanner was called on to do a Tour of duty in the Militia from the County

of Culpeper in the Fall of the year 1781 and in Consequence of which he marched to the Seage of York
Town in Virginia & was taken sick and died in the s'd. Service & Left a Widow by the name of
Margarate who is become a Cripple and is Very Low in circumstance Certifide by me this 4th day of
Nov'r 1795
H. Hill

Claims Nov'r 12th 1795/ Rejected/ Report made out