

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to James Edwards VAS1937

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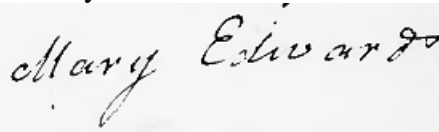
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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Louisa County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speakers and members of both houses of the Assembly

The Memorial and petition of Mary Edwards Relic of James Edwards late of the County of Louisa Sheweth that on or about the month of October 1781 your Petitioner's Husband James Edwards was in the Rotine [routine?] of duty ordered out as a soldier in the Louisa Militia, in the defense of the State and that while he was in the Service, he died, leaving your petitioner with five helpless children to raise, and no estate of consequence to support them on. Your Memorialist has lately been told that in such cases the laws of the land have made some provision to assist in supporting and bringing up the Orphans of those who died or were killed in the service of their Country. Your petitioner therefore prays that the benefit of that law may extend to her to the end that she may be enabled the better there with to Raise and qualify her said five children to be useful citizens and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c

S/ Mary Edwards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Edwards". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the late 18th century.

[Reverse]

Edwards's Petition
October 22nd, 1793
Referred to Claims
Rejected
19th November 93