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Virginia documents pertaining to John Askins (Arkins) VAS2049
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To The Hon'ble The House of Delegates

The petition of Mary Arvin most humbly sheweth That your petitioner's Son John Askins served as a soldier in the Continental Service for three years and afterwards as a Captain of the Militia in the District of Kentucky and always distinguished himself as a good and faithful Citizen of the United States in general and of Virginia in particular. That he, in common with the rest of his fellow Soldiers, received an apportionment of Land in the District afs'd. as a Reward for his services and to the great distress of your Petitioner lately died – leaving neither Wife nor children nor any person so nearly related to him as your Petitioner. That during his life time he sold fifteen hundred Acres of the above mentioned Land to sundry persons whose titles have not yet been confirmed. Now your Petitioner most reluctantly sheweth to this Hon'ble House that her afs'd. son John Arkins was not born in lawful Wedlock and therefore by the Laws of this Commonwealth his property escheats.

But your petitioner most humbly prayeth that in consideration of her being the nearest and dearest Relation to the deceased, your Hon'ble House will compassionate her situation and permit a Law to pass relinquishing the Right of the Commonwealth to the Land afs'd. and vesting the Title in her, reserving nevertheless the equitable Rights of the purchasers afs'd. and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray

Monongalia County Ss Before Me one of the Justices of said County Came Mary Ervin you
Worships Petitioner & Made oath that the above Mentioned John Askins was her son and was
illegitimate Born & is Dead & Died without Being Tested or having any Heirs at Law
Sworn & subscribed this 11th Day of oct'r 1786 Mary herXmark Ervin
Da'l. McCollum

Octo 30th 1786 Ref'd to Prop[osition]s/ Reasonable