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Virginia documents pertaining to Richard Tool VAS2129
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[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). There is an incomplete online image of an order to the Sheriff of York County VA to pay the pension to “Sarah Tool,” the widow of Richard Tool.]

I do with the advice of Council hereby certify, that Sarah Tool is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of eight pounds yearly commencing the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 27th day of September 1797.

Sam’l Coleman

James Wood

[There is another document similar to the above dated 31 July 1798.]

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file contains other documents, not transcribed here, that relate to the laws applying to the granting of bounty lands to heirs.]

This is to Certify that in the year 1794 whilst I was a member of the Virginia Legislature from the County of York I presented the petition of Sarah Tool the widow of Richard Tool who was a Gunner on board the Henry Galley belongin to the Virginia Navy praying to be allowed a pension in consequence of the death of her Husband, who died in service, as was satisfactorily shown to the Committee – who reported the prayer of the petitioner reasonable & accordingly the Bill passed the Legislature granting a pension for life to the Widow

I filed the Evidence in this case, and know that I was satisfied at the time that the s’d Rich’d. Tool was a gunner and died in the Naval Service of this State.

Given under my hand in the City of Williamsburg this 27 June 1832. Thos. Griffin

Journal Ho. Delegates. Decbr. 1st 1794

2 Resolution of the Comte of Claims.

“That it is the opinion of this Committee that the petition of Sarah Tool, widow of Rich’d. Tool who enlisted as a Gunner on board one of the state Gallies in the year 1776 and died in the service leaving the petitioner with a number of small children in very indigent circumstances – praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, is reasonable”

The 1st Section of the Bill

“Be it enacted by the Gen’l. Assembly that Sarah Tool, widow of Rich’d. Tool (who during the late war enlisted as a gunner on board the Henry Galley belonging to this Commonwealth and died in the service thereof) shall be placed on the list of pensioners & receive the sum of eight pounds pr year.”

[The bounty-land file contains a petition by Elizabeth Caston for bounty land for the service of her grandfather, Richard Tool.