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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Taliaferro Massey VAS514

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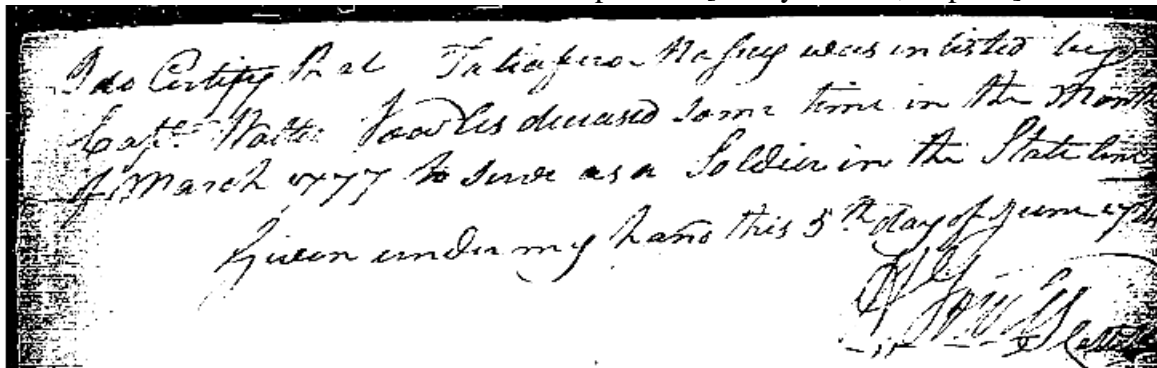
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Taliaferro Massey was enlisted by Captain Walter Vowles deceased sometime in the month of March 1777 to serve as a Soldier in the State line.

Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1784

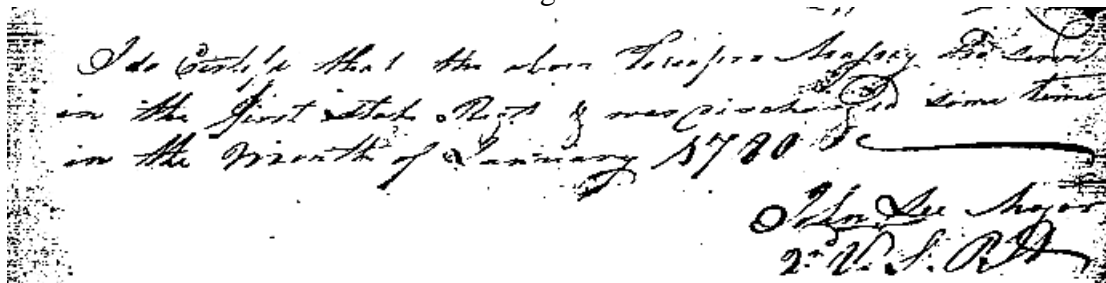
S/ H. Vowles Capt. S. L. [Henry Vowles, Captain]



I do Certify that the above Taliaferro Massey did serve in the first State Regiment & was discharged sometime in the month of January 1780.

S/ John Lee, Major

2nd V. S. Regt.



Mr. Joseph Norwood is empowered to take land warrants out for me.

S/Taliaferro Massey, X his mark

Teste:

S/ Henry Stringfellow

June 13th, 1784

S/ John McCullocks

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Taliaferro & Massey
John Stringfellow June 13 1784
John W. Cullough

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Report on the petition of the heirs of Taliaferro Massey, a soldier in the Continental line, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

The Petitioner has filed affidavits, which set forth the following facts viz.

That Taliaferro Massey, formerly of Stafford County, enlisted in the Continental service, for during the war, but whether he served during the war, the witness does not know – That the witness was about 8 or 10 years old when the said Massey enlisted as aforesaid – and well remembers when he returned from the Army – (see the affidavit of Margaret Hoard)

That Taliaferro Massey was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary Army (under General Green) and that he served (as the witness knows) 18 months – that he (the witness) was with the said Massey in the battles of Guilford & Camden – and near the close of the war, that he was discharged & left the said Massey in service in the southern Army (see the affidavit of William Fisher)

Taliaferro Massey name is on the Army Register of the Continental line. He resided [the image of this page is cut off at this point]

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Bounty land has been allowed for the services of this Soldier. He received 100 acres of land.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith Commissioner &c

August 17, 1835

The deposition of Margaret Hoard taken this 3rd day of December 1833 in the County of Orange who being sworn saith that she recollects (when about the age of 8 or 10 years) that Taliaferro Massey formerly of Stafford County enlisted in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War under Captain Walter Vowles, but whether he served during the war she does not know, she further states that she remembers that her grandmother took the bounty money and went to Captain Vowles to get him to let the said Massey off which he refused to do, and she states that she recollects well when the said Massey returned from the Army and the said Margaret Hoard states that she is between 60 and 70 years of age, and further this deponent saith not.

S/Margaret Hoard, X her mark

The deposition of William Fisher¹ taken in Orange County State of Virginia, the 9th day of December 1833 who being sworn saith that Taliaferro Massey was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary war in old Richard Campbell's Regiment under General Green [Nathanael Greene] and that the said Massey served 18 months (he knows of his own knowledge, as he the said Fisher was with him at the battles of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and Camden [presumably the 2nd battle of Camden known as the battle of Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781] in South Carolina, the said Fisher states that he got his discharge the other side of Camden near the last of the War and he left the said Massey in the service.

S/ William Fisher, X his mark

To the Executive of Virginia

The Memorial of Thomas Massey, respectfully represents, that his Father, Taliaferro Massey, a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, entered the service of the State of Virginia about the year 1779 or 1780, as your memorialists is informed and believes – that he enlisted under Captain Walter Vowles, – that he enlisted for during the War, – that he first served at the North & was at the taking of Stony point [July 16, 1779], and afterwards marched to the South in the Regiment of Colonel Richard Campbell, in the Army commanded by General Green – that he was in the Battles of Guilford Courthouse, and Camden in the year 1781 and continued in the service until he was discharged at the close of the War. Your memorialist respectfully asked, that the bounty lands, and other remunerations, which are normally allowed to soldiers (or their heirs) who have perform such services as those rendered by said Taliaferro Massey, may be allowed to your memorialist, according to the laws and customs of the State of Virginia – and that such evidence as he has been able to procure in support of his claim may be received & considered and also that such evidence of the services of the said Taliaferro Massey as the documents in the possession of the Government may show, may be referred to in support of said claim – And that such other [image cut off at this point]

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Referred to should not be deemed sufficient and your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray, &c

S/ Thomas Massey, X his mark

[attested in Spotsylvania County August 3, 1835 by Robert Crutchfield, JP]

¹ [William Fisher W8813](#)