

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Tasker R10396                      Mary Tasker    VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 29 Jan 2022.

State & District of Virginia Hampshire County Sct

Before me the Subscribers sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Hampshire in the State aforesaid on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1818 personally appeared James Tasker aged 62 years, resident in the County State & district aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the provisions of the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war that the enlisted in the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia aforesaid on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1777 as a private soldier in a Company commanded by Thomas West & belonging to the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in that Corps or in the service of the United States untill the end of the war at which time he was a prisoner upon parole [released on promise not to fight again unless exchanged], and not being called into service never applied for a regular discharge that he was in the battle of Stony point [16 July 1779] and Blufords defeat [sic: defeat of Col. Abraham Buford at the Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] where he was wounded and taken prisoner that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in the need of the aid of this County [sic: Country] for support and that he has no other evidence of his said service in his power

June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1819 hampshire County of virginia

pesenely aperd Before Me Edward McCoty Justice of the pece for the said County Richard tasker & Maid oath on the holy Evengelst of allmity god that he was well aquented with James tasker & that the said James inlisted in the united stats army in the yere one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven & that he served two years in the tenth virginia Redgement in the Nothern Army & then the said James Marchd to the south & the said Richard Never saw the said James afterwards untel the End of the ware But under stud that he was taken prisner @ Blueford Defeat where he was Badly wounded given under My hand test Ed McCoty  
Richard hisXmark tasker

Hampshire County to wit

Sampson Henderson [W7339] This Day Personally appeared before The Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County in Virginia and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of almighty god saith that he was well acquainted with James Tasker in the Revolutionary war that he served with him this Deponent in Capt. Thos Wests Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Rejmt and General Weadens [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] brigade of the Virginia Line and that he served upwards of one year to his this Deponents knowledge and he this Deponent Left him the said Tasker to the Northward in the said Redjmt and further saith not given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1819

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the county of Hampshire in the tenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia James Tasker aged sixty four years resident in Hampshire county in said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in the County of Fairfax in State of Virginia on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1777 as a private Soldier in a Company commanded by Thomas West, and belonging to the tenth Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment at that time commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens VAS1922] that he continued to serve in that corps or in the Service of the United States untill the end of the war at which time he was a prisoner upon parole and not being called into service never applied for a regular discharge, that he was in the Battle at Stony Point, Blufords defeat, where he was wounded and taken prisoner and he doth solemnly swear that he was

a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

A Schedule of the property belonging to me James Tasker a revolutionary soldier in the County of Hampshire and state of Virginia

One horse supposed to be worth	\$30.00
One young Cow	<u>10.00</u>
	\$40.00

James Tasker

And the said James Tasker declared upon oath that he is a rinner[?] by trade and that his old age and other bodily infirmities, render him incapable of pursuing his trade in such a manner as to produce him a support. that the following is a list of the members of his family with their ages, Mary Tasker, wife of said James Tasker, aged upwards of 40 years, Minty Tasker aged 16 years Elizabeth Tasker aged 14 years Richard Tasker aged 12 years Delilah Tasker aged 10 years Fanny Tasker aged 7 years and that his said wife and children are incapable of contributing to their support otherwise than persons of their age and descriptions are usually capable of so contributing; [The rest of this documents details an error by which Tasker did not receive his pension certificate until late.]

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

This is to certify that James Tasker formerly a Soldier in the sixth Virginia Regiment hath duly & faithfully served the term of three years for which he was originally enlisted and obtained a discharge from the service wh'h in the unfortunate [undeciphered] Buford he lost. [see endnote] I have therefore thought proper to grant him this as a full discharge from any further service in s'd Regim't.

Given under my hand at Cumberland old Court House this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1781

Christian Febiger [VAS675]

Copy. Edmund B. Lacy Clk

Col. Comm[andan]t

NOTES:

The file contains the original schedule of property to which Tasker signed with an X.

On 26 May 1849 Mary Tasker, 86, applied for a pension stating that she married James Tasker before 1794, and he died about 4 Mar 1832. George G. Tasker, 54, their nephew, was among several witnesses to James and Mary Tasker's having lived as man and wife.

The file includes a paper with the following:

Mary Tasker wife aged upwards of	40 years
Minty Tasker ) “ ” “	16 years
Elizabeth Tasker ) “ ” “	14 years Children
Richard Tasker ) “ ” “	12 years of
Delilah Tasker ) “ ” “	10 years James tasker
Fanny Tasker ) “ ” “	7 years