

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard R. Tasker S35093

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State of Maryland Allegany Count to wit

on this twenty sixth day of April in the year eighteen Hundred & nineteen before me the subscriber Chief Judge of the fifth Judicial district of Maryland which district is composed of Frederick Allegany and Washington Counties personally appeared Richard R Tasker aged sixty one years or thereabouts Resident in Allegany County aforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress "entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the united states in the Revolutionary War." That he is the same Richard R Tasker who Enlisted under Captain Horatio Claget [sic: Horaio Clagett] in Piscataway on the Potomak [sic: Potomac River] in the year of seventeen hundred & seventy eight in the month of June that he was marched to Baltimore & from thence to Bondbrook [sic: Boundbrook] in the state of Jersey there he joined the third Maryland Regiment commanded by Colonel Gust [sic: Mordecai Gist] of General Smalwood [sic: William Smallwood] Brigade that he marched with the army to South Carolina and was at Gateses Defeat near Cambden [sic: Battle of Camden where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] from thence they retreated to Hillsborough [NC] & from thence he marched and was in the Battle at the Cowpens under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan, 17 Jan 1781] & continued with the army to the end of the war. That he is in Reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service.

STATE OF MARYLAND, Allegany County SS

On this Fifteenth day of October 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Richard R. Tasker aged Sixty one years, resident in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he inlisted in the month of June in the year 1777 in Captain Horatio Clagitts company in the third Maryland Regiment that he was in the Battle of Camden or Gates Defeat and at the Battle of Cowpens or Tarltons [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's] Defeat and also at the Battle of Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] and continued in the army untill the end of the war, and that he made a Declaration in order to obtain a Pention on the 26th Day of April 1819 and received a Certificate number Twelve thousand and seven hundred and ninety nine And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY, &c.

Fifty acres of Land which I am indebted for to the amount of about \$40. 1 Horse 2 Head of Cattle 2 Hogs 1 Small Table 3 old Chairs 1 Pott 1 Kettle ½ Doz Pewter Plates 2 old Knives & forks & 3 old Spoons Debt due by me to Sundry Person over and above what I owe on my Land \$59.37

Rich'd R hisXmark Tasker

And the said Richard R. Tasker further declares on oath, that he is a Farmer by Occupation but very infirm and unable to do a days work, that he has a wife aged about fifty years, one son aged about nine years, one other son aged seven years, one Daughter aged five years and one other Daughter aged three years.

State of Maryland Alegany County to Wit. [15 Feb 1825]

I Richard Tasker aged Sixty fore years a Citizen of the United States, do upon oath Testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Eight I enlisted in the Army of the revolution, against the Common enemy of my Country for the term of three years and then reinlisted for during the war and served in the Company Commanded by Capt Horatio Clagett and in the regiment no therer [No. three] under the Command of Colonel William Smallwood of the Maryland Line and that I continued in the service aforesaid untill the close of the war in seventeen hundred and eighty three when I was regularly discharged from the first regiment commanded by Colonel Mordeca Gess. My discharge was taken in by the Commissioner apointed to settle with the solgers in Annapolis Md so I can not produce it, to corroborate the above statement. I further declare that I have never received a warrent for the bounty Land promised to me on the part of the united stats nor have I ever assigned or Transferred my claim to that Gratuity in any manner whatsoever. Sworn and subscribed before me William Price

Richard his3mark Tasker

I, James Tasker aged abut seventy years, a citizen of the united States, do upon Oath declare that I have been long acquainted with Richard Tasker who has subscribed the above declaration in my presents and well know that he is the Identical Person he therein represents himself to be, and further I no that he did perform the Military Service therein stated.

James hisXmark Tasker

NOTES:

On 13 Oct 1813 Hezekiah Carr (pension application W3509) certified Tasker's service.

The file includes an inquiry dated 30 April 1841 regarding a pension application by Margaret Tasker, widow of the veteran.