

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Massey W3437

Sarah Massey

f30VA where

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State of Pennsylvania city & County of Philadelphia: SS

On this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord 1842 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the City & County of Philadelphia Sarah Massey, a resident of the District of Southwark (on Swanson Street, four doors South of Queen Street) in the County of Philadelphia, in the State aforesaid: aged 68 years: Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1838, entitled an Act granting half pay & pensions to certain Widows: That she is the widow of Caleb Massey who served as private Soldier in the Continental Army of the Revolution for three years, in the Virginia Line, in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment, that he enlisted in Captain George Gilchrest's Company attached to the aforesaid Regiment, that he was taken Prisoner at the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and that he was regularly discharge, as will more fully appear from the Certificate of Colonel John Cropper, given many years ago. That the Military Bounty Land of 100 acres to which her said Husband was entitled by virtue of said Services, was by him conveyed to Thomas W Bailey in the year A.D. 1807.

She further declares that she was legally married to the said Caleb Massey, on the first day of May A.D. 1792 in the County of Worcester in the State of Maryland, by the Reverend William Downing, but that she has not any Certificate or Record thereof – & That her husband died on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1827 – that she was not married to him prior to his being discharged the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January A.D. 1794, to wit the time & place herein before stated.

S/ Sarah Massey, X her mark

Caleb Massey is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a private of the Continental line for 3 years service.

Council Chamber

S/ Samuel Coleman

June 15<sup>th</sup> 1807

Wm H. Cabell

Warrant No. 5205 for 100 acres issued to Thomas M Bayly assignees and delivered the said Bayly the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1807

A copy from the Records of the Virginia Land Office

Teste: S. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office

I do hereby certify that Caleb Massey enlisted in Captain George Gilchrest's Company of the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, that he served in the war of the revolution, that he was taken prisoner at the

battle of Germantown, and was regularly discharged.

S/ Jno. Cropper formerly [John Cropper]  
Lt. Col. Commdt. 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment  
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[p 20: Affidavit dated September 20, 1842 given in Philadelphia Pennsylvania by Sarah may see in which she states she is 68 years old and that she and her husband had no children. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service in the Virginia service.]