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Virginia documents pertaining to John Ramsay VAS2096

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

Norfolk Borough

At a Hustings Court continued and held the [illegible] day of April 1792  
On the application of Mary Ramsay relict of John Ramsay deceased. It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that she is entitled by Law to a Pension of Thirty Pounds per Annum Agreeable to the Pension List transmitted by the [undeciphered word]. Ordered that the same be certified to the Auditor of Public Accounts.

a Copy

Caleb Moseley C.N.C.

[The file contains many documents similar to the above. The following document bears the latest date.]

I do with the advice of Council, hereby certify, that Mary Ramsay is continued on the list of Pensioners with her former allowance, commencing the first day of January 1801.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1808.

Samuel Coleman

Wm. H. Cabell

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Ramsay, Dr. John.]

Mr. Robert Brough will oblige Mrs. Mary Ramsay to inquire and see if the bounty land[?] can be obtained, which was allowed her late husband Doct'r John Ramsay, for his services in the revolutiona war. Colo. Morton and Doct'r. W Tomkies, will give every information in the business.

with respect &c/ yours [undeciphered]/ Mary Ramsay/ 6 Jan'y 1803

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

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with the late Doctor John Ramsay. That when I served as a Captain in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't Commanded by Colo Adam Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] in the year 1775 Doc'r Ramsay served as Physician and Surgeon to the Hospital at Portsmouth in Virginia, that I well remember that Doct'r Ramsay continued to opperate in the Character of Physician and Surgeon to the said hospital until his death which happened in the [undeciphered] of the year 1780. Given under my hand at Norfolk 29 Nov 1808.

Thos Mathews [Thomas Mathews W17076 and R16019] late  
Capt. in 4<sup>th</sup> Virg Reg't



The above statement of facts are within my knowledge and I feel no hesitation in certifying the same; and further I do declare that during the time Doctor Ramsay supervised the Hospital and was prevented from giving his personal attendance to the same, by his indisposition. I have frequently at his request discharged his duties of the said Hospital, on his accounts and without receiving any compensation from

the United States or the Commonwealth of Virginia. Given under my hand at Norfolk 29 Nov 1808.  
Jas Taylor [James Taylor]



To his Excellency David Campbell, Governor of the State of Virginia [3 March 1838]

Your memorialist respectfully represents to your Excellency that her late father John Ramsay was a Surgeon in the Virginia Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, having entered the Service as such at the Commencement of the Revolution and continued in the said Service as Surgeon aforesaid until the month of June 1780, when he departed this life, of sickness contracted whilst in the said Service, that your Memorialist is now 74 years of age and therefore has a distinct knowledge of the facts above stated, she being the Eldest of five children, that about twenty five or thirty years ago a warrant was received from the State of Virginia for the proportion of land due a Surgeon but that she has recently been induced to believe that the quantity then received is not as much as he, by law and recent decisions became entitled to – therefore she prays your Excellency to cause an investigation of her claim and evidences accompanying the same, and that you will grant to his and hers [undeciphered] heirs any additional land that may yet appear to be due, in right of his said services, and your Memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray.  
[signed] Mary Proby

Norfolk Borough to wit

Personally appeared before me Giles B. Cooke a Justice of the Peace in and for the said Borough Elizabeth Martin who says she is eighty years of age, and made oath according to law that she was well acquainted with Doctor John Ramsay and his family. she then lived very near to them. That he was a Surgeon in the army in the war of the Revolution and died in the service, that she does not now recollect the precise time of his death or of his entering into the service; but knows that he entered about the commencement of the Revolution and continued in service to the time of his death  
Sworn to and subscribed before [signed] Eliz'th Martin  
me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1838 G. B. Cooke

The attention of his Excellency the Governor, is respectfully requested to the claim of the heirs of Doct Ramsay for additional Land Bounty herewith submitted. The counsel for the petitioners asks the speedy action of the Executive upon the subject, & refers to the following documentary, and other evidence to establish the claim. Journal of the House of Delegates 12<sup>th</sup> Oct [illegible] Dec 1791 pages 53 and 59. Vouchers on which claims for original bounty was allowed in 1810. [two undeciphered words] to part of officers entitled to additional Bounty Land, Document No 1. Journal of House of Delegates Session 1835 6 and the affidavits of Mrs Martin and Proby herewith submitted.  
Rich[mon]d March 9 1838. H. L. Brooke counsel for Petitioners

State of Virginia }  
Norfolk Borough } to wit

This day personally appeared before me an Alderman in and for the Borough aforesaid Elizabeth Martin and made Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God That she was well and intimately acquainted with Doctor John Ramsay of the Revolutionary Army of Virginia. She knew him early in the War of the Revolution and knows that he was a Surgeon in the Regular Service when Norfolk was burnt by the British in January 1776 [1 Jan 1776]. The said Ramsay Continued in Service until his death which occurred before the Close of the War as the deponent has already Certified in a formal affidavit And further this deponent saith not. Given under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1838. M. King

State of Virginia }  
Norfolk Borough } to wit

This day personally appeared before me Miles King Mayor in and for the Borough aforesaid Mrs. Mary Proby aged 75 years and made Oath or affirmation that her Father Doctor John Ramsay was in the service of the United States Army in the war of the Revolution as Surgeon at the time of the battle of the Great Bridge on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1775 [sic: 9 Dec 1775] and continued in the service in the Revolutionary War, and further this deponent saith that she has no Interest in this matter either direct or indirect Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of April 1838. M. King Mayor