

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Humphrey S38066

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At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Fluvanna County on Wednesday the 27th day of May 1818 – This day Elijah Humphrey aged sixty years resident in the said County personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath, that he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution on or about the __ day of __ 1778 as well as he recollects, that he belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Kendall in the ninth Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line on Continental Establishment, that he served as a soldier as aforesaid twelve months or upwards and quit the service in consequence of being discharged, which discharge is lost or mislaid, and that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support, which fact aforesaid as respects said service was supported by the testimony of Pleasant Bybee a witness sworn in open Court. And it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Elijah Humphrey served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the Common Enemy for at least the term of twelve months as aforesaid and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner prescribed by the 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," the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

[Attested by John Timberlake, Junior, clerk of the Fluvanna Virginia court]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 20th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said County proceeding according to the course of Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of Record by the Laws of said state, Elijah Humphrey aged 62 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 entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution on or about the __ day of __ 1778 as well as he recollects, that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Kendall in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line – and Continental establishment, that he served as a Soldier as aforesaid 12 months and quit the Service in consequence of being discharged which discharge is lost or mislaid. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish

it as to bring myself within the provision 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; one hundred Acres of Land, one Cow and calf, one yearling, one Sow, two shoats, one old plow and gear, three hoes, two small axes, one Colter, four chairs, three pewter dishes, six pewter plates, two basons, six spoons, six cups and saucers, six knives and forks, one small pot and hooks, one oven & lid, one small skillet, two Slays and one Harness, four cider casks, three old Barrels, one Spinning Wheel, one Testament & one Hymn Book. The said declarant states that his occupation is that of a farmer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of his age. That his family consist of a wife aged sixty-four years, two grandchildren, one a boy aged eleven years the other a girl aged about fifteen years who are all Illy able to contribute to their support, the said declarant further states that the number of his original Certificate is 15904

S/ Elijah Humphrey, X his mark

[The court valued the schedule of property at \$153.33.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Continental Army.]