

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Hickman VAS1511

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

Petition for bounty land

The Heirs of Elijah Hickman – Soldier Continental line

The only proof offered in support of this claim is the affidavit of Ro. Russell¹, a revolutionary soldier, and said to be a respectable witness. The witness says he knew Hickman well – they were raised in the same neighborhood, in Accomack County – they belonged to the same Company in the 9th Virginia Regiment – they were in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] together and the said Hickman was killed in that battle. The Company to which the witness & Hickman belonged was Captain Thomas Snead's.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

May 19, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

Accomack County to wit

I Robert Russell aged 76 do hereby certify and declare that I was a soldier in the 9th Virginia Regiment during the war of the American Revolution and that I was in the battle of Germantown near the city of Philadelphia – I further certify that Elijah Hickman and myself belonged to the same company in the same Regiment, and that he was in the battle of German Town, and was killed in the action: The said Hickman & myself were raised in this County and marched from here to the North under the command of Colonel Fleming [Charles Fleming] – Thomas Snead was the Captain who commanded the company to which I & the said Hickman belonged. Given under my hand this first of March 1834

S/ Robert Russell, X his mark

¹ [Robert Russell W5753](#)