

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Young R11957

Elizabeth

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[fn p. 13]

Accomack County State of Virginia: SS

On this 18th day of April 1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Court of the County aforesaid Elizabeth Young (sometimes called Betty) a resident of the County of Accomack and State of Virginia aged (she thinks) ninety years judging from the age of her children but has no record of her birth and being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of John Young who was a Sergeant in the revolutionary war in the Virginia State line but she has forgotten (if she ever knew) the name of his Captain, or other officers, or the length of his service. That she has often heard of the pension laws but was unable to go about to employ anyone to get it for her as she is very poor and has not walked for the last thirty years but was lately called on and informed she was entitled to a pension.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Young about the year 1786 by whom she has two children now living by said marriage the oldest of which is now the wife of John Parkes who has the family Bible which shows her daughter Tabitha Parks formerly Tabitha Young was born June 15 1790 a certified copy of which is herewith enclosed. That her said husband John Young died in the County of Accomack about forty years ago, and she still remains his widow. That she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place before the first day of January 1790 about the time above stated but has no record of her marriage and knows of none. She does not now recollect the time he was in the service but thinks it was about 2 or 3 years.

S/ Elizabeth Young, X her mark

[fn p. 17: On August 10th, 1855, Tabitha Parkes, 65, gave an affidavit stating she is the daughter of Elizabeth and John Young; that her father died in Accomack County Virginia about the year 1813; that she has often heard her father speak of his services in the revolutionary war under General Clark.]

[fn p. 2: On August 10, 1855 in Accomack County Virginia, Mrs. Peggy Taylor (formerly Peggy Young) gave an affidavit stating that she is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Young; that she frequently heard her father speak of his services in the revolutionary war under one General Clark; that her father died about the year 1813 and that her mother has remained his widow ever since.]

[fn pp 5-6: copy of the last will and testament of John young Senior of Accomack County Virginia in which she makes reference to his wife Betty Young; his daughter Tabitha Parks; and daughter Peggy Young. The document is dated August 17 1812 and was signed by the veteran with his mark.]

[fn p. 8: On December 2, 1853 in Accomack County Virginia, the Reverend George H Ewell gave a deposition in which in which he states that he was well acquainted with John Young and his family; that Young was reputed to have been a revolutionary soldier and was so regarded in the neighborhood in which he resided; that Young died about forty years ago survived by his wife Elizabeth; that John and Elizabeth Young had a number of children all of whom are dead except for Tabitha Parks and Margaret Taylor; that he was called upon by the family to make entries in the family register and a true extract of those entries is as follows: "John Parks son of John and Ann his wife was born March 10th, 1789
Tabitha his wife the daughter of John Young and Elizabeth his wife was born June 15th, 1790"]

[fn p. 10: On December 2, 1853 in Accomack County Virginia, Spencer Lewis,¹ 90, gave testimony that he was a revolutionary soldier; that he was well acquainted with John Young who served in the War of the Revolution; that he, affiant, and said John Young married sisters and he is also well acquainted with Elizabeth Young the widow of John Young.]

[fn p. 19: certificate from the Virginia Auditor of public accounts that a John Young was paid £25.5.4 for service as a Sergeant of Infantry for services rendered sometime during the period from January first, 1777 to December 31st 1781.]

¹ FPA R9978