

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Early, Jeremiah R3191 Rachel Early
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(p2) Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of his third section of the act of congress of the fourth of July 1836 and all the amendmints (sic) thereunto - - -

Sate of N Carolina Surry County May 9th 1840. On this day, personally appeared Rachel Early before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid who after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 that she is the widow of Jerimiah Early who was a regular in the revolutionary war and that he enlisted for five years or enduring (during) the war and went into service about 1778 or 1779 and remained there until (sic) peace was made and she further declares she has heard him say he was a collector in the state of Pennsylvania three years and that he was marched first from the state of Virginia on towards the north and she further declares that she is not certain who his officers were, but as well as she recollects he was part of his time under Col Gamel (Robert Gamble was Capt in 8th VA Regt) of the second Redgment (sic) and that she has frequently heard him speak of Green, Maxwell, Armstrong,

(p3) and others – She further declaring she was married to the foregoing Jerimiah Early sometime in November 1791, with whom (sic) she lived with up to January 31st 1823 when he the said Early died, ↑and that she has remained a widow ever since ↓ and that she has three children by said Early, Namely, Sally, Elizabeth, and Nancy, Sally was born November 3rd (?) 1793, Elizabeth was born May 22nd 1794, Nancy was born April 1st 1796, which will more fully appear by reference to the proof which will accompany this declaration, this affiant states that she was eighty four years old in April last

Tst Jerimiah Marion JP

s/ Rachel Early x her mark

Jeremiah Ryan testify that the forgoing Rachel Early is not able to attend this court from old age & bodily infirmity.

Jeremiah Marion JP

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Rachel Early

Widow of Jeremiah

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Act 4 July 1836

(p4 & 5) a faint form in which clerks attest to a declaration of military service completed for Early signed by several court witnesses Surry County NC.

[p. 7: marriage bond dated November 12th 1791 issued to Jeremiah Early and Nicholas Born conditioned on the marriage of Jeremiah Early to Rachel Freeman.]

[p. 8: family register for the Freeman family:
Aaron Freeman was born September 11, 1754

Joshua Freeman was born April 14 1754
Rachel Freeman was born April 7th 1755
James Freeman was born [illegible] 20, 1757
Nanny Freeman was born January 13th 1759
John Tearit [?] was Born April 3, 1775]

[p 32: Affidavit dated November 1851 filed in Surry County North Carolina in which evidence is offered that Rachel Early died November 11th, 1840 leaving surviving her the following children Sally Early, 59 years of age, Elizabeth Reeves 57 years of age and Nancy Howard 55 years of age.]

(p6 thru 44) various notes and forms from Surry County, House of Representatives, attorneys and Pension office clerks.

1818 on Congressional stationery, an inquiry by R W Austin about Captain Austin

1840 congressman Lewis Williams

The application was steadfastly refused for failure to document the service of Jeremiah Early at perhaps greater cost than a pension to the poor widow.