

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Petty R8162

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State of Virginia Prince William County: SS

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Prince William County, now sitting Elijah Whitson Petty a resident of the County of Prince William and State of Virginia, aged 46 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That William Petty, his father – for whose services he claims, died the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1837 leaving a widow and two children Elijah W Petty the claimant and Mary F Lovelace, now 41 years of age, also a resident of Prince William County Virginia.

States that he is not in possession of any record proof of the time his said father entered the service of his country but from what he hath heard at his father's lips, he is under the impression that he was drafted at a place then called "Randolph's old fields" and that the name of one of the officers was \_\_\_ Brown, but the month and year he does not now recollect. He further states that he has often heard him retell incidents that occurred, and speak of engagements & skirmishes with the Enemy, and of his being at Yorktown Virginia, and standing guard before the Marquee of General Lafayette.

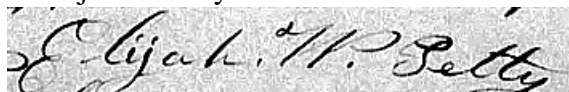
He states that his said father was born in Prince William County Virginia, was drafted in said County, and ended his days in said County.

He further states that there is no record proof of his said father's marriage, neither can he procure any further than is here presented.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present; and declares that he does not believe that his said father's name is on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elijah W Petty

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elijah W. Petty". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol.

10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1786 in the name of Wm. Petty as a soldier and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £75.15.6, delivered to himself but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1853.

S/ G. W. Chitter  
Act'g Aud.

[No Seal of Office]

[f p. 44: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Prince William County on October 7, 1805 to William Pattie and John Maddox to secure the marriage of William Petty to Demiah Davis.]

[Facts in file: Other witnesses stated that they heard the veteran state that he served under Captain Ewell and was discharged in the winter at Philadelphia Pennsylvania; the veteran married Demiah Davis in 1805 in Prince William County; she died in July 1846 leaving 2 children, Elijah Whitson Petty born June 9, 1807, and Mary F Lovelace born June 27, 1812.]