

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elija Biggs R829

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State of Illinois County of Shelby: Elija Biggs Petition

On this second day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before us the Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Shelby County now sitting – Elija Biggs a resident of Shelby County and State of Illinois aged seventy years ~~in January~~ 1833 who first being 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he entered the service under Colonel Kenan Commander Major Griffith Captain William Hall 1st Lieutenant Bell 2nd Lieutenant Slaughter – he entered in the latter part of June (the day not recollected) in the year 1781 he left the service in September in the year last aforesaid – drafted at Nash Court house in Nash County and State of North Carolina – marched through Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] and Wayne [County] was not out of the state in which he was drafted. In the battle [of] Rockfish Creek<sup>1</sup> Kenan Commander no Continental Regiments or companies with him during his time of service and he further states that [he] knows of no documentary evidence by which he can assert his claim neither does he know of anyone who can testify to his services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day last aforesaid.

S/ Elija Biggs, B his mark

[Evan Douthett, a clergyman, and Thomas Blythe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Did you ever receive a Discharge

A I did

What became of it

A. I do not know

Q. By whom was it given

A. by Major Giffeth [sic, Griffith?]

Q. Where and in what year were you born

A. In Terel County N. Carolina [sic, Tyrrell North Carolina] in the year 1762 to the best of my knowledge

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<sup>1</sup> May 13, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockfish2.htm>

Q. Have you any record of his age

A. I have none.

Q. Where were you living when called into service

A. Nash County North Carolina

Q. Where have you lived since the War

A. In Virginia, Tennessee & Kentucky

And where do you now live

A. In Shelby County Illinois

Q. How were you called into service

A. By draft

[This veteran's claim would have been denied because he failed to allege that he served the requisite minimum of 6 months as required under the 1832 act to qualify for a pension under its terms.]