

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Godfrey Elam S10452

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Elam Godfrey

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(p2) Kentucky certificate 6869, pension \$80/annum
Noted death 19Jun1835

(p3) Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Kentucky Seal

County of Cumberland

N^o 6686.

On this 17th day of August in the year of Our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before us John M Emerson, Vincent Taylor and Alfred King comprising the county court for Cumberland County now sitting Godfrey Elam a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement of declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following officers and served as herein stated. That he served part of his time under Col^o. Robert Goode and his captain was by the name of Henry Chastain but states that forces (?) his youth inexperience and the great lapse of time he is unable to name any other officers or the precise date at which he entered or left the service. He knows was in an actual engagement he resided in the state of Virginia and County of Chesterfield (p4) when he entered the service. He states that he was disabled. He states that he never left the state of Virginia and that in the fulfillment of _____ he was marched to the lower parts of Virginia and remained some time about York Town & Williamsburg but that he was principally engaged ↑in↓ about Petersburg which Col^o Tarleton was in that part of Virginia with his legion of Horse. That he was Eight Miles from Petersburg at War Collar Church where our mass have to retreat from that place of the time that Tories was engaged in ___ling ↑in the Spring of 1781 and↓ he states that he had no discharge or other Documentary evidence of his service. In the course of his tour he was at Cabbin Parish, Smithfield, Macky, William and Mary & other places in the South side of James River. He was also in Dinwiddie and Gloucester County & he states that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can certify to his service, he states that he was in service at least twelve months during the War but will not say more. He hereby relinquishes every claim or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state ---

He states that he is a now a citizen of Cumberland county state of Ky whence he removed from Chesterfield.

s/ Godfrey Elam

(p5 contains routine clergy and neighbor statement)

(p7 14Jan1835 apparently after rejection of application to War Department, another appearance using the questionnaire form from the pension commissioner

James Baker, William Baker, Benjamin Brummitt, William Smith, Joseph Alexander, and Obisdiah Baker & Lewis Ellison were named as witnesses, possibly other soldiers. He divulged

that his year of service was in about six tours of about two months each between 1779 and 1781.
No other fact than those of the original declaration was divulged.)

(p16 cover – admitted-one year private)