

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Serjeant (Sarjeant) S16245

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State of Ohio Clermont County: SS

On this 9th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before George ? Torrence president Israel Whitaker, Robert Haynes & John Emory associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Elijah Sargeant a resident of Washington Township Clermont County State of Ohio aged 74 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 7th 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

I a citizen of Frederick Town in Maryland Frederick County volunteered at the age of 18 under Captain Thomas Frazier and Colonel Baker Johnston and Lieutenant Puckett[?] we moved from Frederick Town to Philadelphia I was about [?] with twelve others part of the Battalion to which I belonged to guard a wagon load of money to Morristown head quarters under Colonel Holt or Holton and the Corps of artillery from Baltimore whose name I do not recollect we received on our arrival a billet from General Washington authorizing us to take possession of the first vacant House we could find as there was a deep snow on the ground but none we found we remained at [indecipherable word] town until the Battalion came which was about five days we marched from thence to [indecipherable word] ridge, there we were stationed where we remained until the month of March when we were marched back to Frederick Town and discharged after having served three months. In the latter part of '77 under the direction of Colonel Johnston there were ten [?] called out of the company to which I belonged to guard the prisoners of Burgoyne through Maryland into Virginia, where we were dismissed about 15 days. In the latter part of August or first of September '81 I was called out when I entered under Captain John Hart Colonel William Morgan, I then resided in Barkley [Berkeley] County Virginia place of rendezvous called bullskin [?] from there we marched to join Lafayette at York where we had a severe engagement called the battle of Yorktown, Colonel Morgan under whom we marched to York was dismissed and Colonel Maryweathers [probably Thomas Meriwether] was put in his place under whom we acted during the engagement one of the enemies vessels was loaded with powder, through which we shot a hot ball and blew her up, during which engagement I I received a wound on the left hip from the fragment of bombshell, the Militia upon that occasion acted so bravely that General Washington caused the British to ground their arms before them and the French, from there we marched and Major Jones Colonel Maryweather being sick guarded the Prisoners to Knowland ferry [Noland's Ferry] where we were discharged for a full tour of three months, which discharge I have lost, and I know of [no?] person by whom I can prove my service by.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ J. D. Morris Clerk

S/ Elijah Sargeant, X his mark

[Elijah Larkin and John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 15 days in the Maryland & Virginia militia.]