

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Yeager S16587

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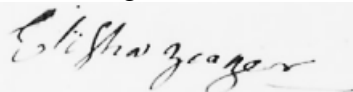
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State of Kentucky Jefferson County: to wit

On this twenty third day of August in the year 1832 Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the County of Jefferson & State aforesaid Elisha Yager [sic] a resident of said County aged nearly seventy-one 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. That he was born on the 30th day of November 1761 in the County of Culpepper [Culpeper County] & State of Virginia where he resided until he entered the service of the United States as a militia soldier in the war of the Revolution in the year 1777. That he first served in a company commanded by Captain Fisher Rice, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor that he marched with his Company to Albemarle Barracks in Virginia & was there sixty days assisting in guarding the Prisoners taken at the surrender of General Burgoyne. He further states that after his discharge he again entered the service in the County of Culpepper in Virginia under the Command of Reuben Beall as well as he now recollects in the year 1778 or 1779 & that he was marched with a detachment sent to guard the Rappahannock & Appomattox Rivers from the British fleet & that he served for the Term of 60 days & was discharged at the Expiration of his Term of Service & was discharged in the County of Spotsylvania Virginia. That he again entered the service in the County of Louisa & State of Virginia under the Command of Captain Elijah Kirtley in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Jack Willis [John Willis?] in the division or Brigade commanded by General Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg], that after serving some time under Colonel Willis he was with his Company detached & acted as a riflemen & was in the Engagement at Hot water Creek in the County of New Kent, Virginia in the latter end of June 1781, from which place the British marched to Jamestown & from thence to Norfolk & that the detachment to which he belonged was in pursuit of the British when they entered Jamestown which day the British, burnt. He states that the whole period of time that he was in the service of the United States as a militia soldier from the time he first entered until he quit the service was six months, & that he knows of but one person by whom he can prove any part of his service whose affidavit accompanies this declaration – And he further states that he had his several discharges but that from lapse of time, & his frequently moving & changing his residence the same have been lost or destroyed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state or Territory

Elisha Yeager



[Benjamin Allen, a clergyman and George W Griffy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Commonwealth of Kentucky Oldham County: Sct.

This day Personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in & for the County of Oldham Samuel Yager¹ who being duly sworn state that he is the relation of Elisha Yager of Jefferson County Kentucky that he knew said Elisha in State of Virginia & that he the said Elisha was upon three Tours of Duty as a Militia Soldier as he believes & that he served sixty days each tour & further states that he served himself with the said Elisha upon one of those Tours under the Command of Captain Elijah Kirtly in a brigade or division Commanded by General Muhlenberg.

S/ Samuel Yager, X his mark

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 10th day of December 1832

S/ John Redd, JPOC

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA S35751