

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Mayfield S2754

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County Court of Lauderdale County Alabama August Term 1831

Original Claim

State of Alabama Lauderdale County: SS: On the 11th day of August 1831 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record) for the County of Lauderdale and State aforesaid Elijah Mayfield aged seventy-two years who first being duly sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain a pension under the acts of Congress passed the 18th of March 1820 that he the said Elijah Mayfield enlisted in the Regular Army of the United States for the term of one year in the year 1777 in the County of Sullivan in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Jesse Evans in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Montgomery Lieutenant Colonel's name not recollected and as he believes the 13th Regiment and that he continued in said Corps the full term of one year when he was regularly discharged at the Town of Kaskaskia in the (now) State of Illinois and that afterwards to wit in the year 1780 he was taken prisoner by at Nashville in the State of Tennessee for three years. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that he has reasons to believe and does believe that his name is on the roll of the State of Virginia that the following all the reasons why he did not make earlier application for a pension to wit that your applicant is illiterate & wholly ignorant of the above recited Acts of Congress until about one year ago and that heretofore he has been unable to procure a friend who was able to direct him in what manner to proceed to obtain the benefit of said acts of Congress to which he is entitled and in pursuance of the Act of Congress passed the first day of May 1830 [sic, 1820], I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and that since the 18 March 1818 no material change has been made in my property

One horse 6 years old worth	\$35.00
One mare 5 years old worth	25.00
One colt 1 year old worth	15.00
Three cows & calves	24.00
Two Young Cattle	8.00
Twenty-one Hogs	21.00

Household goods	25.00
One ax One Hoe & one plow	<u>5.00</u>
	\$158.00

The preceding is the whole amount of his property at this time and has been subject to no material change further than using the Stock & others growing in their stead since March 1818
S/ Elijah Mayfield, X his mark

State of Tennessee Hickman County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1834

On this 15 day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices thereof now sitting Elijah Mayfield a resident of the County of Hickman & State aforesaid aged 72 years last June who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the State of Virginia in Amherst County in the year 1762 on the 10th day of June where I resided until I was about 12 years of age when I removed with my parents to Montgomery County Virginia where I resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War. I enlisted in Montgomery County Virginia in Captain Jesse Evins [Jesse Evans'?] Company of the first Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel John Montgomery. I enlisted in January or February 1779 under the above named officers in the County of Montgomery aforesaid from which place we marched to the Big Island of Holston River where we rendezvoused & remained for about the space of 30 days we then marched down the Holston to the Tennessee River and down the Tennessee to the mouth of the Ohio [River] & then up the Mississippi to Illinois where we joined General Clark [George Rogers Clark] and encamped at Cascaskia [Kaskaskia], we arrived at the Head Quarters of General Clark sometime about the first of May 1779 at this place we remained until the expiration of our tour of 12 months & I was discharged sometime in January or February 1780 – my discharge was burnt up by an accidental Burning of a house. I returned after my discharge to Eaton's Stationed about 2 miles below Nashville where I remained about 12 months, when I was taken a prisoner by the Indians & British they retain me about 2 years & half in captivity before I made my escape from them. I then returned to the Long Island of Holston where I married & resided about 18 months. I removed to South Carolina where I lived 17 years from thence I moved to Kentucky where I lived about 16 years – from Jefferson County Kentucky I removed to Hickman County Tennessee where I have resided for the last 14 years and still reside.

I have no written record of my age but by the best evidence I have been able to obtain from my parents, I believe I was born in the County of Amherst & State of Virginia on the 10th day of June 1762. I have no written evidence of my services nor do I know of any other witness now living by whom the services can be proved except my brother Micager Mayfield [Micajah Mayfield?].

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

Sworn to and Open Court July 15th, 1834

S/ S. Sebastian, Clerk

S/ Elijah Mayfield, X his mark

[James Erwin, a clergyman, and Edward Sharp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Sullivan County: Be it known that before me Samuel S. Reid a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Micagar Mayfield of the same place and

made oath in due form of law that Elijah Mayfield Enlisted January 1779 under Jesse Evans in the first Virginia Regiment and served under John Montgomery 12 months and then got his legal discharge.

S/ Micajah Mayfield,¹ X his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January 1833

S/ James S. Reid, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia militia.]

¹ Probably the same man as FPA S36692