

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elijah Green S37961

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Virginia Prince William County to wit

on this 2^d day of Nov'r. 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of general Court in the State afores'd. personally appear'd Elijah Green aged 66 years resident in the County of Prince William in the s'd. State being one of the County's in my Judicial Circuit who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress Entitled "and act to provide for certain persons engag'd in the Land and Naval service of the Unites States in the Revolutionary war" That he the said Elijah Green enlisted in the s'd County of Prince William in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. Thomas Ewell [Thomas Winder Ewell] of the Va. Troops in Gibsons Regiment in the year 1776 That he continued to serve in the s'd Corps, or in the servise of the Untied State until the year 1780 when he was discharged from servise in the State of Virginia That he was in the Battles of Stoney Point [Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and many others, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has produced evidence herein annex'd of his said servises and reduced Circumstances.

Charles Ewell [pension application W9432] this 2th day of Nov'r 1818 personally appear'd before me and made oath that he was a Capt. in the 1st Va. [illegible abbreviation] Reg't. Commanded by Col. George Gibson during the revolutionary war with Great Brittain from the year 1776 until the close of the war that Elijah Green whose declaration this affidavit is annex'd was a soldier of the aforesaid Reg't. that he inlisted under Capt. Thomas Ewell who is now dead for the term of three years and served faithfully during that time that the said Elijah Green is now in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country for support.

County of Prince William SS.

On this second day of August 1831, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County of Prince William Elijah Green resident in said County, aged Eighty one years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Elijah Green enlisted for the term of three years on the — day of January in the year 1777, in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Ewell in the regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of said term when he was discharged from the service in Alexandria in the then state of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name has been placed on the pension list, that the number of his pension certificate is lost; and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because from his extreme age, infirmity and ignorance of business he did not know how to proceed, and till now could not find a friend. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

Schedule of the property of Elijah Green handed in to Prince William County Court this 2^d day of August

1831.

Real property – none. Mixed property – none. Personal property – pair old iron wedges, old bed & rugg and counterpain, drawing knife, iron pot, Butter pot, old table, & chest, old sugar box & bell, 2 claw hammers old, & one pair old flesh forks. Given under my hand this 2^d day of August 1831.

witness/ Geo W. Macrae

Elijah hisXmark Green

That since the 18th of March, 1818 the following changes have been made in my property – no chances that I can call to mind, if any very immaterial.

To the Honb'le. the Congress of the United States.

Your Memorialists the Heirs of Elijah Green dec'd a Soldier of the Revolution and a pensioner of the United States at the time of his death, Beg leave Respectfully to represent that their father the said Elijah was placed on the Pension list Roll of the Virginia Agency in 1818 and under the Law of that Year at the rate of \$8 pr Month, as the records of the Pension Commissioners Office will shew that under his said Certificate he drew his Pension once, and at the semi-annual period, and in the usual form he applied again at Richmond when his application was rejected or returned unpaid – for what cause the said Elijah being obscure and ignorant did not understand and of course did not know how to proceed to remedy – that being thus deprived of his only productive means of support and being old and unable to labor, he was on the hands of your memorialists where he remained from 1819 until 1828 or 29 or perhaps longer when they being unable longer to support him (being themselves poor and having families of small children around them) he was taken to the poor's house of our County (Prince William) where he remained until in [blank] when thro the interposition of Captn [John W] Williams as they believe he was restored to the Pension list and so remained until his death in 18 . Your memorialists being now informed that the rejection of the said Elijah's application in 1819 was contrary to the Spirit meaning and true intent and construction of the Law of 1818 under which his first Certificate was issued, would respectfully suggest to your honb'le bodies, that if such is the fact, and they are induced to believe that there can be no doubt of its truth, that then all arrears of Pension accruing from the period for which the said Elijah applied in 1819 up to the date of his restoration to the Pension list, in [blank] constitute a debt due to him under the law at the time of his death, and if then due to him necessarily now due to us the memorialists his true and only heirs as appears by the prefixed certificate properly authenticated. Your memorialists would respectfully pray your honb'le bodies to grant to them the arrears of Pension aforesaid as well on account of the Justice of the claim as set forth in the premises, as the circumstance of their scanty substance being applied to the said Elijah's support during the term of his rejection, to wit, from a period in 1819 to, or nearly to, the date of restoration.

And you memorialists will ever pray.

6 Feb 1836

Peggy herXmark Abel/ Sally herXmark Rolls/ Elijah hisXmark Green

Pension Office/ April 9, 1836

Sir [H. F. Janes, House of Representatives], In answer to your enquiry respecting the case of Elijah Green, of Virginia, I have to inform you that he was pensioned under the act of March 18, 1818, at eight dollars per month, commencing on the 2^d November 1818. He was dropped from the roll in 1819, because on searching certain lists received here after his claim was admitted, it was discovered that the regiment of Col. George Gibson, to which he was attached, was composed of State Troops, and did not belong to the continental line. The act of March 1818 provided for those only who belonged to the continental establishment. He was paid to the 4th of March 1819, before the pension was stopped. In August 1831 he was restored, the Secretary of War having decided that Gibson's was a continental regiment. This decision was based on an act of the Legislature of Virginia, which directed that regiment to supply the place of the 9th Virginia continental regiment, which was captured at Germantown [4 Ocy 1777]. The pension under the last mentioned decision commenced on the 23^d of August 1831.

I have the honor to be/ Very respectfully/ Your Obt. Servt.

J. L. Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

NOTE: A document dated 7 Oct 1834 certified that Elijah Green died without leaving a widow, and that Peggy Able, Sally Rolls, and Elijah Green were the only surviving children. A letter dated 6 Aug 1836 states that Peggy Able was the wife of James Able, and Sally Rolls was the wife of Jacob Rolls. The file contains a copy of a bill voted in Congress on 28 June 1836 granting the heirs \$960.