

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Winn S38477

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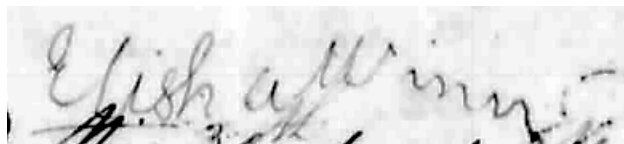
Alabama Territory of the United States Madison County Sct.

The declaration of Elijah Winn made on oath before me Charles Betts one of the Judges of the County Court of said County –

The said Elijah Winn saith that he resides in said County and has resided in same for four years last past.

That in the month of February 1776 he resided in Lunenburg County Virginia and then & there enlisted into the company commanded by Captain James Johnson of the Sixth Virginia Regiment in the Continental service. That he remained in Service in said Company and Regiment until the month of February 1778, when his term of service (agreeable to his enlistment) expired, and he was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. As well he recollects his discharge was signed by Brigadier General James Weedon [probably a mistaken reference to Brigadier General George Weedon]. He has lost said discharge. That he has several children, is nearly blind & cannot see well enough to carry and perform the business of a farm. That from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for Support. Said Winn further states that he is the same Elisha Winn to an allowance in hand was paid several years since, for his services in said company & Regiment during the period aforesaid.

S/ Elisha Winn

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elisha Winn". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

The Declaration aforesaid this 30th day of April 1818 at said County of Madison, was by said Elisha Winn sworn to & subscribed before me

S/ [illegible signature]

[fn p. 7]

This day came Richard Bacon¹ before the aforesaid Charles Betts & being duly sworn, says that from his childhood until about three years since (when he removed to this County) he has generally resided in the Lunenburg County Virginia. That in February 1776 he resided about seven miles from the residence of the above named Elisha Winn in said County of Lunenburg.

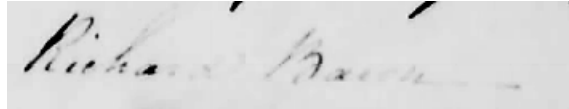
That said Winn about the last of February or sometime in the early part of the year 1776,

¹ [Richard Bacon S16625](#)

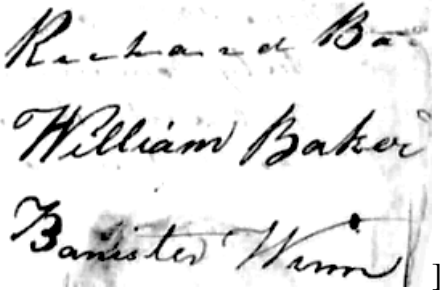
marched from said County for the lower part of Virginia in Captain James Johnson company of the sixth Virginia Regiment in which this affiant was then informed and believes said Winn enlisted a private soldier.

That to the best of this affiant's recollection said Winn was absent from Lunenburg County about three years – and then as well as this affiant recollects and as he believes to return home. That this affiant together with the said Elisha Winn in the year 1779 marched to Stono in South Carolina, in the Militia Company commanded by Captain Joseph Winn of Lunenburg County Virginia.

Sworn to & subscribed before me at said County of Madison this 30th day of April 1818



[fn p. 15: On June 21, 1819 in Madison County Alabama, Richard Bacon, William Baker and Banister Winn gave testimony that the veteran is in indigent circumstances



The State of Alabama Madison County: Circuit Court September Term 1820

Schedule of the estate & income of Elisha Winn of Madison County State of Alabama
A Negro woman Slave aged between forty & fifty years, afflicted with the Rheumatism and her child a girl about six years old the labor of the two not more than sufficient to cloath [cloth] and maintain them.

S/ Elisha Winn

I Elisha Winn 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

Sworn to & subscribed in open court September term 1820

S/ L. Mead, Clk CC

S/ Elisha Winn

Elijah Winn of this County a pensioner under the provisions of the 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 8th day of March 1818, came into open court and subscribed a schedule of his whole estate and income & took, subscribed [?] and produced the oath required by the act of the first session of the 16th Congress passed the first day of May 1820. And after due inquiry it was considered by the court that the income or annual value of

said property was not worth anything Ordered that the Clerk of this Court certified to the Secretary said Schedule and oath together with the Opinion of the Court herein –
[attested November 1, 1820 by L. Mead, Clerk]

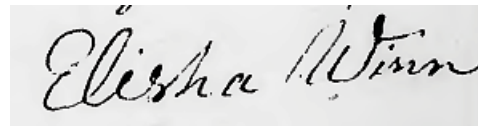
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 30, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Lunenburg County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker and members of the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Elisha Winn of the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia humbly sheweth that your petitioner enlisted early in the Revolutionary War as a Corporal in the Sixth Virginia Regiment in Continental establishment for two years that he served his full term of two years and obtained an honorable discharge. That while in the Service of his Country he contracted a disease in his eyes which he believes was brought on from cold during the Cold Winter of 1777 while encamped at Valley Forge; that the said disease assisted with old age has nearly deprived him of sight, that so long as your petitioner was capable of earning an honest livelihood by labor he has forbore calling on his Country for relief, but the accumulated misfortune of loss of sight and old age has thrown your Petitioner on the Generosity of his Country for relief. Your petitioner begs leave to represent to your honorable house that he is now Sixty-three years of age and cannot distinguish one man from another at the small distance of 10 feet. That from sundry causes not within his control he is entirely destitute of property or any means of subsistence. That he who a few years ago so gallantly and willingly stepped forward to fight the enemies of his Country and risked his life to establish the liberty which she now enjoys is through misfortune, disease & old age a dependent on a few relations. Your petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable body will take his Case into Consideration and grant him such immediate relief as you may think reasonable and that your petitioner may be placed on the pension list with such yearly allowance as your Honorable house may in your bounty think reasonable and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Elisha Winn

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisha Winn".

[Reverse]

Elisha Winn's Petition

Referred to Claims

December 8th, 1813

Rejected December 18th

Report drawn December 18

[Note: the documents contain an affidavit presumably given by the veterans neighbors and friends supporting his character as an honest citizen in need of support.]

Lunenburg County Sct.

This day came Hugh Wallace² before me and made oath that Elisha Winn was a Soldier in the late Revolutionary War with Great Britain in the 6th Virginia Regiment under Capt. James Johnson for two years & that the said Winn discharged his Tower [tour] of duty according to law. Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1813

S/ W. Brut [?], JP

Lunenburg County Sct.

This day came Stephen Brown before me and made oath that Elisha Winn was a Soldier in the late Revolutionary War (with Great Britain) in the 6th Virginia Regiment under Capt. James Johnson for two years & that the said Winn discharged his Tower [tour] of duty according to Law. Given under my hand this 13th day of November 1813

S/ Edwd P. Bacon, JP

² [Hugh Wallace S41306](#)