

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmond [Edmund] May S38923

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State of Tennessee Maury County Sct.

Personally appeared this day before me Joseph B Porter Clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions Edmund May who being duly sworn states that in March or April 1779 he enlisted in the service of the United States in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker of the Virginia line, that in May following he was rendezvoused at Petersburg and marched to the southward – that he was in Charleston in the half moon battery when the British took General Lincoln and his command – that he was a prisoner with the British until the end of the war having been transported to Jamaica and when the peace was made had to get off as well as he could – that he never had any discharge from his Colonel or his Successor Colonel Samuel Hopkins and having become old and infirm and destitute of the means of living well he applies for the benefit of the act of the late session of Congress for the relief of the Officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary Army. – He lives in Maury County State of Tennessee a few miles from Columbia – In testimony whereof he hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1819

S/ Joseph B Porter, Clerk

District of West Tennessee SS

On this 26 day of July 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record proceeding according to the course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings) for the County of Maury in said district, Edmund May aged fifty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made eye the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Edmund May enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the ___ day of March or April in the year 1777 or 8 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Toliver [James Taliaferro] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker 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 18 months when he was taken prisoner by the British Army & detained until the close of the war & set at liberty in the State of Island of Jamaica in the ____ . That he was in the battles of Savannah and the siege of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina which fell on May 12, 1780] at which place he was taken prisoner by the British Army and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the foregoing –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 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 to say

Four head of Hogs say \$4	\$4.00
One 3 gallon pot – \$1.50	1.50
six knives and four forks one dollar	1.00
Three half pint tin cups	
	.18 1/3
Two small dirt bowls	.12 1/3
Two dollars & fifty cents owing to me	<u>2.50 2/3</u>
	\$9.31

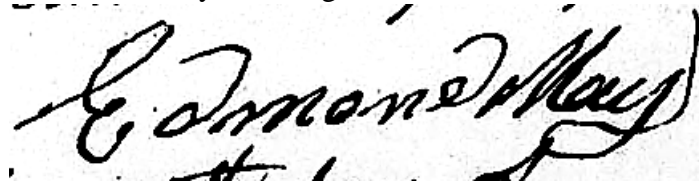
and by occupation a farmer very infirm of body – and scarcely able to see to go about my eyesight having nearly failed me: my family consist of my wife for boys and one girl aged say the oldest fourteen years the rest in proportion younger and not capable of rendering any assistance in supporting the family except two oldest

S/ Edmund May, X his mark

[The veteran filed two other applications, one under the 1818 act dated August 14, 1819 and which he appears to sign



and the other under the 1820 dated December 29, 1821 in which he adds that his wife is 36 or 37, unhealthy and named Martha; that his children are David Hary May aged 14, small and weakly; Stephen May, 11 and a half, sickly from his infancy; James W. May, 9 "his arms drawn up by Rheumatic palsy"; Matilda May 4 years old; Edmund P. May 2 and signed



Neither of these additional applications contain any additional information regarding the veteran's military service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 19, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]