



[8 Nov 1838] I Sarah Macnell resedent of Fayat [sic: Fayette] County and State of Kentucky do state that I was born'd in Orrange County and State of Virginia and was Raisd in 3 Miles of Reubin Finney. I beleave he went in the Servis of the U.S. as a regular Solger under Captain Taylor. two of my brothers went at the same time I am confydent that Reubin Finney was in the Servis Nerley the hole war as I lived in 3 miles of his Farthers  
Sarah herXmark McNeil

[The following is from [Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#). A certified copy is in the federal pension file of the above Reuben Finney, but it is possible that they were two different soldiers.]

It appears from the size Roll of the 3 Troop that Reuben Finny was inlisted for the War in Baylors Dragoons Sept'r. 1781 & served the full term of his enlistment.

Certificate received by  
Chas. Porter [Charles Porter]

William Barret [VAS1197] Capt  
Baylors Dragoons, Dec'r. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1785.

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 13 Dec 1784 by Reuben Finnell and John Leathers for the marriage of Finnell to Elizabeth Bourn, spinster. Elijah Bourn and Judith Bourn of Jessamine County stated that they had been at the wedding. On 29 Dec 1838 it was stated that Elizabeth Finney had been living in Shelby County MO for about four years.

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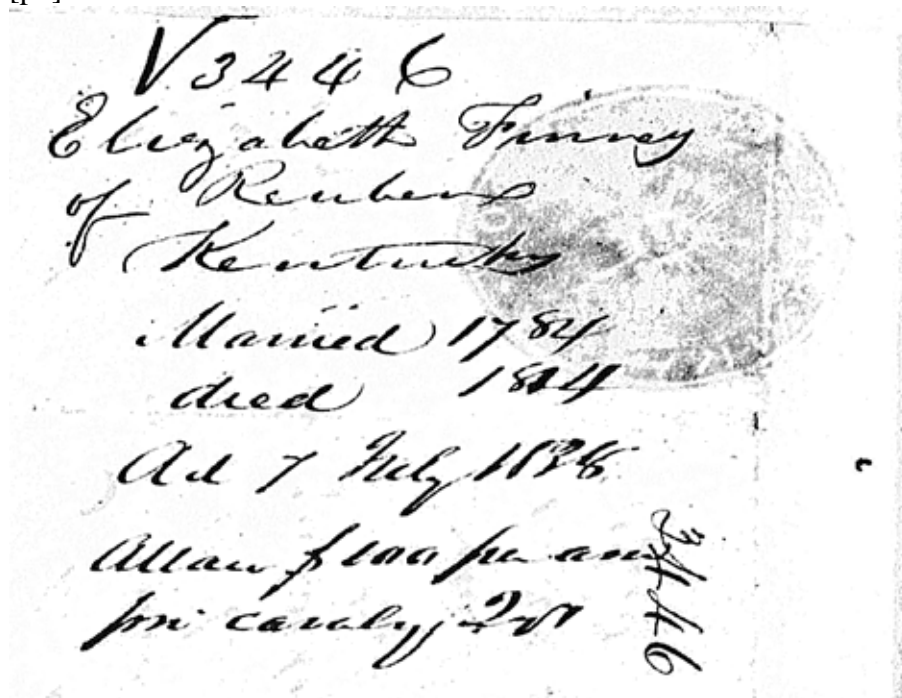
Finney Reuben VA W10024 f36VA  
(Elizabeth)

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[p2]  
Missouri certificate 2561  
Elizabeth Finney  
Widow of Reuben Finney  
Private in cavalry of Virginia line 2 years  
Issued 01Nov1843  
\$100/annum

[p3] transcribed marriage bond  
Reuben Finney to Elizabeth Broun  
10Dec1784

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State of Kentucky  
Jessamine County sct  
On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the county of Jessamine, Elizabeth Finney, a resident of Kentucky county of Jessamine aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress

passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Reuben Finney who was as she has been informed a private in the revolutionary war from Orange County State of Virginia by two different enlistments. The first for not less than two years, the second for and during the war, both of which enlistments he faithfully served out. She believes he was under the two enlistments in serious battles, at the taking of Stony Point, and she thinks at the battle of Brandywine & Monmouth and many others.

She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Finney at the house of her father, Henry Broun, Orange County Virginia in the fall of the year of our Lord 1784 and that the said Reuben Finney her husband aforesaid died in Jessamine county Ky some time in the year 1813 or 1814. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794. And that she [p6] has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Reuben Finney and is now a widow. She would further state that for several years previous to his death he was confined to his bed by the rheumatic pains and loss of sight say ten or twelve years a part of which time he was supported by the poor laws of the county of Jessamine Ky. That she has eight children and the donation from the said county was intended to assist in raising the said children during the disease and confinement of their father, Reuben Finney.

Further that she the said Elizabeth Finney has no means of support of her own and prays the relief granted by the act above mentioned.

Elizabeth Finnet x her mark  
H. Daniel JP

Attest:

[routine certification  
H Daniel, JP  
Daniel B Price, clerk

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It appears from the size roll of the 3 troop that Reuben Finney was enlisted for the War in Baylor's Dragoons Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 1781 & served the full term of his enlistment.

William Barrett, Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Baylor's Dragoons, Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1785

Certificate received by  
Chas. Porter

Certified copy by the executive department of Richmond Virginia.

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I James Arvan aged 81 years in March next and now on the pension list of revolutionary soldiers say that I saw Reuben Finney in the revolutionary war at the winter quarters at Valley Forge, saw him also the day after the battle at Monmouth and at a variety of other places during the service. Cannot now say who were his field or company officers, we not belonging to the same regiment, but know that he served as a private for three years. I knew him also in his confined & blind condition in Jessamine County Ky up to the time of his death. That I saw him also the day after the taking of Stony Point and believe that he was in the attack. Given under my hand the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1838.

James Arvan x his mark

[routine Jessamine County certification

Moureaun Brown, JP  
Daniel B price, clerk]

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I Sarah McNeil, resident of Fayat [Fayette] County and State of Kentucky do state that I was born in Orange County and State of Virginia and was raised 3 miles of Reuben Finney. I believe he went in the service of the United States as a regular soldier under Captain Baylor. Two of my brothers went at the same time. I am confident that Reuben Finney was in the service nearly the whole war as I lived in 3 miles of his father's.

Sarah McNeil x her mark

[routine certification  
Jhn Shrock JP  
James C Rodes, clerk]