

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmond Rowsey (Rousey) W1649 Elizabeth f31VA
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[f p. 12]

The State of Alabama Fayette County: County Court in Vacation December 3rd 1833

On this 3rd day of December in the year 1833 Personally appeared in Vacation before the Honorable Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama Edmun Rowsey a citizen of said County and State aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Militia sometime in the latter part of December 1781 in Amherst County in the State of Virginia under the command of Captain William Tucker who was commanded by Colonel Dabney and marched from Amherst County to Richmond and from thence to Williamsburg and thence to Yorktown thence to near Portsmouth in Virginia and remained there until I was discharged by, not recollected, in the latter part of March 1782 and that he again entered the service in the militia in Amherst County State of Virginia some time in the month of July 1782 under the command of Captain John Loving who was commanded by Colonel, not recollected, and General Morgan and marched from Amherst County to Williamsburg and remained there until I was discharged by, not recollected who, sometime in October 1782 making a service of both tours of duty of more than six months which discharges are lost or mislaid so they cannot be found and from the effects of old age the loss of memory etc. I am not able to state with precision the exact time of my entering and leaving the service etc. but believe the above to be correct and for which service I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State and that I have no documentary evidence and I and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and that there is no clergyman living in my vicinity whom I can get to certify to my credibility therefore I refer to the annexed certificate of William Murray & Aquila Cavanah. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James B. Morton , Clk

S/ Edmond Rowsey, X his mark

Q 1. Where and in what year were you born

A. 1. I was born in Amherst County State of Virginia

Q 2. Have you any record of your age

A 2nd no only from information

Q 3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since & where do you now live

A. 3rd When called into service I was living in Amherst County since that I have lived in the State of Georgia and then moved to Alabama where I now live in Fayette County

Q 4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

A 4th I was drafted in the Militia both terms of service

Q 5th State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served

A 5th Colonel Dabney, General Morgan, Captain Tucker, Captain Loving

Q 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so where is it and by whom was it given

A 6th I received a discharge from each term of service but I do not recollect by whom nor what has become of it.

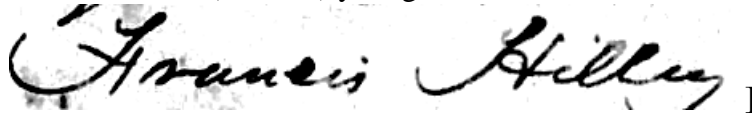
[James Murray and Aquila Cavanah gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 7: On July 28, 1847 in Yalobusha County Mississippi, Elizabeth Rousey a resident of said County, aged 74 on the 27th day of January last (1847), filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Edmond Rousey, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband continued to live in Fayette County Alabama where he 1st applied for his pension until his death on April 14, 1837; that she married him July 20, 1793. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 4: On July 5, 1847 in Yalobusha County Mississippi Mary Higginbotham a resident of Lafayette County Mississippi gave testimony that she was a waiter at the marriage of Elizabeth Hilley to Edmond Rousey in Elbert County Georgia; that they were married by William Higginbotham, Esquire; that William Higginbotham she thinks was authorized to Mary people that he performed the marriage ceremony for a number of couples including the marriage of her nephew James Higginbotham; that Elizabeth Hilley and Edmond Rousey were married in 1793; that she was married in January 1797; she signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 21: On July 8, 1848 in Elbert County Georgia, William Bond and his wife Elizabeth Bond gave testimony that the veteran and his wife were married July 17, 1797.]

[f p. 20: Letter dated July 18, 1848 postmarked from Ruckersville, Georgia from Francis Hilley addressed to "dear sister" (presumably addressed to Elizabeth Rousey). In this letter he states that Mr. and Mrs. Bond can place the date of her marriage by the fact that she was married just 3 weeks after his (Francis') youngest brother was born which was on June 26, 1797.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Hilley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Francis" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Hilley". There is a small bracket-like mark at the end of the signature.

[f p. 30: On August 20, 1847 in Yalobusha County Mississippi, Benjamin Higginbotham, 63, made oath that at the time Edmond Rousey married Elizabeth Hilley in Elbert County Georgia, he lived within about one mile of the place where they were married which was at his father's house; that he visited them many times and had no doubt that they were legally married. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]