

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hickman W1768

Elizabeth Hickman

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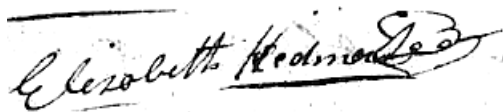
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State of Kentucky Lincoln County: SS

Be it remembered that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1840, it being County Court in & for the County aforesaid, Elizabeth Hickman personally at appeared in open court a resident of said County, aged 62 years on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 1839, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed July the 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 Entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows: that she is the widow of James Hickman, late of Lincoln County, deceased, who was a soldier & officer of the revolution. That the said James first served as a private as she is advised & believes about 18 months, entering the Army in 1776 or 1777. That he afterwards served between one & 2 years as a commissary. She further declares that she was married to said James Hickman on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1794 – in Lincoln County, Kentucky, That she was married by a preacher by the name of Adams. That her name previous to her marriage was Elizabeth Bryen, that she has in her possession an old family Bible which was in possession of & belonged to her said husband, when he died in [indecipherable word or words] in the hand writing of her said Husband is the following record of their marriage, James Hickman & Betsey Bryeh was married on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year 1794. That after her marriage with her Husband she moved to Fayette County Kentucky & resided there 2 or 3 years, then moved back to Lincoln County where she resided with her husband, till his death & where she has ever since resided. That her Husband the aforesaid James Hickman died in the said County of Lincoln on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1828. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1794 as before stated.

S/ Elizabeth Hickman



[p 28: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Lincoln County Kentucky to James Hickman & Robert Bryan August 16, 1794 conditioned upon the marriage of James Hickman and Elizabeth Bryan.]

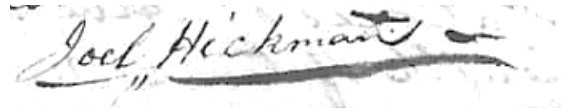
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State of Kentucky Clark County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 personally appeared before me

Edmund W Hockaday a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Joel Hickman a resident of said County aged seventy-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath – That, James Hickman late of Lincoln County, Kentucky, was his brother, two years older than himself; that he, of course, has known him from his earliest recollection; that they were both born in Culpepper County Virginia; where we resided when the said James Hickman went into the Service of his country. Whether he was a minute man or in the militia, I know not; but I know that he went on a tour of 18 months – towards the North: one of his officers was of the name of Stephens – but whether Captain, Colonel or General I cannot say. After he returned from this tour, he served as a Commissary in Colonel Frances Taylor's Regiment of Guards stationed at Albemarle Barracks – the length of time not known; but he continued in that capacity as long as such services were needed in the Regiment. After the termination of the Revolutionary War, we both removed to the State of Kentucky, in which State he continued to dwell until his death; which took place in Lincoln County in that State, in the year 1828; in which County his widow, Elizabeth Hickman, still continues to dwell, never having been married to any other man; her maiden name was Elizabeth Bryan. They were married according to my best recollection (which is corroborated by my own family records) in August 1794, as I was present & an eyewitness of their marriage. With regard to the name of Stephens in the foregoing part of this statement, I am not certain as names without some documentary corroboration, all hard to be recollected at so great a distance of time; but I am inclined to think that the officers name was Stephens or Stevens. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Joel Hickman<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Hickman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint, illegible markings above and below the signature, possibly from a stamp or another document.

[p 14: On May \_\_, 1840 in Lincoln County Kentucky, Robert Logan, 59, gave testimony that the Bible record in the hand writing of James Hickman shows that James Hickman and Betsey Bryen were married Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1794; that Joel Hickman is the brother of James Hickman and that Joel Hickman "had every opportunity of knowing when his Brother James went into the Army in defense of his country"; that said Joel Hickman is a citizen of Clark County Kentucky.]

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State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1840 personally appeared before me Christopher Harris one of the justices of the Madison County Court, Robert Covington<sup>2</sup> a resident of said County, aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law states upon oath. – That he served about two years & 2 or 3 months in the Army of the Revolution as a regular soldier commencing about January 1778 at the Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia in the Regiment of Colonel Frances Taylor & in Captain James Purvis' company: – That while there he personally knew James Hickman who served in the capacity of commissary or quarter master (he does not recollect which) in the regular Army. That he served there as aforesaid about twelve months & that he knew him well. That he was acquainted with him previous to the time of the service above stated in Culpeper County Virginia & that he was a few years older than himself. That he said Hickman afterwards removed to Lincoln County

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S13391

<sup>2</sup> [Robert Covington W2067](#)

Kentucky where he has known him since. That he has understood he is since dead but cannot state the time of his death.

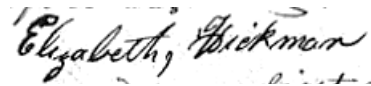
S/ Robert Covington, X his mark

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State of Missouri County of Clay: SS

On this thirtieth day of May A.D. 1850 personally of appeared before me Merit Tillery President Justice of the County Court within and for the County of Clay in the State of Missouri (the same being a Court of Record) Elizabeth Hickman a resident of the Township of Plat in the County of Clay in the State of Missouri, aged Seventy-two years who being by me duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1848, viz.: – That James Hickman her deceased husband who was a volunteer in the United States Army during the revolutionary war, to the best of her recollection entered said Army as a private Soldier in Culpeper County in the County of Virginia, about the month of October in the year 1776 and that he remained in said service until about the month of November in the year 1781 when he quitted the service, that her said husband resided in the said County of Culpeper at the time he entered the said service, that during said service, her said husband attained the rank of Commissary or quarter Master and discharged the duties of such rank at Albemarle Barracks under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] as affiant believes, that her said husband while in said service was present at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and Stony Point [July 16, 1779], the Siege of Yorktown [September-October 1781] and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; that affiant does not know the Country through which her said husband marched while in service, the designation nor number of his Company or Regiment, nor the name nor rank of his Commanding Officers, and that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, She further declares that she was married on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year 1794 to the said James Hickman, that her husband the aforesaid James Hickman died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1828, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 1800 viz.: at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a Pension and Affiant further states that she is prevented by bodily infirmity from appearing in open Court and making this declaration.

S/ Elizabeth Hickman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Hickman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes at the end of the name.

[p 4: On April 20, 1855 in Caldwell County Missouri, Elizabeth Hickman, aged about 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Hickman; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Bryan. She signed this application with her mark.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]