

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elijah Meacham W2318 Frances Meacham CT
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[The following apparently certifies an application that is not now found in the file.]

In Montgomery County Court, June 2^d 1818

It is Ordered to be certified to the secretary of the department of war that Elijah Meacham aged about sixty years, who is now, and has been a Resident of this county for twenty six years, personally appeared in Court and declared on Oath that he enlisted in the War of the Revolution in the Town of Suffield Hartford County and state of Connecticut on the 1st of January 1778 under Capt. John Harmon of Colo. Durgy's [sic: John Durkee's] Regiment which he believes was called the first Connecticut Regiment on continental Establishment and that he served therein until about the year 1780 when he was drafted in the light Infantry and placed under Capt. John Burwell and was engaged in the Battle at the seige of york [Yorktown 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], and some time in 1772 [sic] he was placed under Capt. [Lemuel] Clift and served under him until June 1783 when he was honourably discharged at West Point state of New York; that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support and that no pensen has ever been allowed him; It was further proven by the oath of Ichabod Mitchum [S38204] that he saw the said Elijah Mitchum frequently while in service and that he knows he was a regular soldier in the Revolution. It is also Ordered to be certified that the Court are well satisfied that the said Elijah is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support

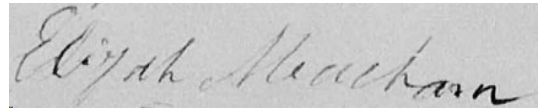
State of Virginia Towit

On this sixth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred eighteen before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia allotted by law to the thirteenth Court, which comprehends the county of Montgomery, personally appeared Elijah Meacham, resident in the County, & State aforementioned, aged sixty six years, who, being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", that he the said Elijah Meacham about the first of January in the year 1778 enlisted, as a private, in the service of the United States, with Captain John Harman, of Suffield, in the State of Connecticut, and belonged to the first Regiment of Light Infantry, of the Connecticut line, on Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Duggie. That the said Regiment composed a part of the Brigade commanded by General Joseph B. Varnum. that he entered to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the close of the revolutionary war in the year seventeen hundred eighty three, when he was regularly discharged: that he was in the battles of Monmouth [NJ; 28 Jun 1778], & Springfield [NJ; 23 Jun 1780], at the taking of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY; 16 Jul 1779], and at the capture of Lord Cornwallis, at YorkTown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781]: that he has long since lost his discharge & has no other evidence of his said services now in his power: & that from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

District of Virginia SS. Montgomery County

On this 3^d day of October, 1820, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district, [illegible word] Elijah Meacham aged sixty five years, resident in said County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted in the war of the revolution in the town of Suffield, Hartford County Connecticut on the first day of January 1778 under Capt. John Harman of Col. Durgy's regiment, which he believes was called the first Connecticut Regiment and Continental establishment That he served in the same Company & Regiment until 1780 when he was drafted in the light infantry & placed under Capt. John Burwell some time about the year 1781 he was placed under Capt. John Hart. I marched

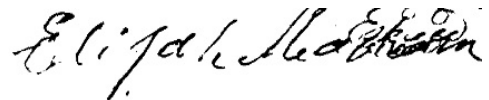
to Virginia & was engaged in the battle at the siege of York when Cornwallis was taken. Some time in 1782 he was placed under Capt. Lemuel Clift of — Regiment commanded by Col. Durgy & served in the said Company & Regiment until some time in June 1783 when he was discharged at New York.. he was in the battles of Monmouth & Springfield He is in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his Country for support. he has received a pension under a certificate No. 12733 And I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) 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, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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. One mare, two yearling steers five hogs five sheep two pr. Iron traces, one plow & gear, one axe, one pot, one broken oven six old chairs. that he has a son named Elijah who is diseased aged 19 or 20 years and is afflicted with a white swelling as to be unable to do any kind of labor and that his occupation that of a common labourer



[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Virginia. Montgomery county to wit

The deposition of Elijah Meacham of said county aged about 76 years who being first duly sworn, saith that in the year 1778 in the county of Harford in the state of Connecticut. He entered the service of the United States on continental establishment in Capt. John Harmans company in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Durkey to serve for and during the war, as a soldier, that he continued to serve in the Revolutionary war until the expiration of the same and was discharged in 1783 at West Point in the stae of new York. He was in the battles of Monmouth, Springfield, Stoney Point, and at the Capture of Cornwallis In witness whereof he hath hereunto set his hand & seal this 20th day of February 1834



Virginia Montgomery County to wit.

This day [1 April 1834] Ichabod Meacham of said county, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said county, and being first duly sworn, doth on his oath state that about the year 1778, in the county of Harford & state of Connecticut Elijah Meacham enlisted in Capt John Harman's company in the regiment commanded by Colo Durkin to served for and during the war, on Continental establishment that he saw him in the service, and that he has every reason to believe, and doth verily believe that he did serve to the close of the war; he saw him, on his way home, with the rest of the soldiers, sometime in the month of June 1783 according to the best of his recollection; that he is the identical person that is now applying for his bounty Land or other compensation for his services as a soldier



NOTE: On 8 March 1853 Frances Meacham, 58, applied for a pension, stating that as Frances Miles she married Elijah Meacham in Montgomery County on 9 March 1837, and he died on 26 Oct 1851. On 14 March 1855 Frances Meacham made an application for bounty land witnessed by Henry Gearheart and Betsey Miles.