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Pension Application of Elijah Alvis W5608

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Virginia – At a monthly Court held for Louisa County on Monday the 13th day of July 1818.

Elijah Alvis, who wishes to obtain a pension under the late act of Congress for the relief of indigent Officers and soldiers in the naval and military services of the United States in the revolutionary War being first sworn; stated that the particular time of enlistment in the Continental Service of the United States he does not recollect, but that he did enlist, and served under Captain Holman Rice [of the Goochland County Militia], in the [blank in original: Convention Army Guard] regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor] that he served Two years and eight months and received his discharge that he is in very indigent circumstances, such as to be absolutely in want, and to need the aid of his Country to support him,

On this 18th day of Sept'r 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, for the said County of Goochland, Elijah Alvis aged 68 years resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he served two years in the revolutionary war, that he belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colo. Fr's. Taylor & belonged to Capt. Holman Rice's company in the Virginia line, that he was in no battles & that he made a declaration of his services before Louisa County Court on the 13th day of July 1818 as a revolutionary soldier that in consequence of his declaration afores'd. he received a certificate for a pension dated 3^d Feb'y. 1819 & marked 6403 And I 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 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 person 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; A schedule of the estate of Elijah Alvis who on this 18th day of Sept'r. 1820 declares that he has no estate whatever. Elijah hisXmark Alvis; his occupation was formerly that of an Overseer, but he is now unable to pursue it, he has six in family himself, his wife between 50 & 60 years of age unable to do any thing except knitting, & 4 daughters Polley aged upwards of 30. Nancy about 30, Jane about 23. & Betsey about 15. The daughters are able to do common house business. Sworn to and declared on the 18th day of Sept'r 1820 before the Court aforesaid.

NOTE: On 31 May 1839 Elizabeth Alvis, 77, of Goochland County, applied for a pension stating that she married Elijah Alvis in Oct 1784, and he died in Oct 1822. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 15 Oct 1784 in Goochland County by Elijah Alvis and Shadrack Alvis for the marriage of Elijah Alvis to Elizabeth Clarke. On 25 May 1839 Zachariah Alvis (pension application S8015), 79, resident of Henrico County, deposed that he had been present when Elijah Alvis was married to Elizabeth Clarke by Reuben Ford, a Baptist minister, in Goochland County. In a document dated 25 Aug 1843, Elizabeth Alvis is said to be 76.