

State of Virginia:

At a Court of Monthly session held for the County of Louisa at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 11th day of October 1847.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows" State of Virginia Louisa County to wit: On this 11th day of October 1847 personally appeared before the Court of the County aforesaid John Fielding [John D. Fielding] a resident of Virginia in the County aforesaid aged Sixty one 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certians widows" That he is the child of Mary Ann Fielding together with four others to wit: Eppa, William, James, and Ann who intermarried with John Meeks, which said Mary Ann my mother was the wife of Eppa Fielding who was a Revolutionary pensioner who resided in the s'd. County of Louisa at the time of his death which took place on the 3^d day of March 1829 and Mary Ann his wife died the 18th day of April 1843 and died the widow of the said Eppa Fielding: The legality of their marriage cannot be proven by any record whatever they having (as I believe) been married according to the manner and form of the Church of England in this Country and was married in either Northumberland or Lancaster Counties in the state aforesaid, and never have known or heard of any doubts expressed respecting the legality of the marriage and that they and died as man and wife.

[The following from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) is assumed to pertain to the above Eppa Fielding.]

No. 14,056 To the Geographer of the United States, or to the Surveyors appointed by him to Survey the Military [undeciphered word]

You are hereby required to Survey for Frances Walker assignee of Eppa Fielding a Soldier during the Late war in the Virginia line One hundred acres of Land in any of the Districts appropriated for satisfying the Bounties of Land due to the late Army of the United States, & return this Warrant to the Board of Treasury agreeably to the Act of Congress of the ninth day of July 1788 Given at the War office this third day of April One thousand seven hundred & ninety four

Registered

H Knox [Henry Knox]

Jno Stagg Jnr

Scy of War

Chf Clk A copy/ attest A Blair C.C.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates (<http://revwarapps.org/b81.pdf>) compiled at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: Eppa Fielding/ age 25/ height 5' 7½"/ dark hair/ blue eyes/ dark complexion/ saddler/ born and residing in Northumberland County where he was drafted on 21 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Previously served two years in the Fifth Virginia Regiment. Sized on 14 May 1781.

On 11 May 1848 Joseph Basye stated that no parish record of the marriage of Eppa Fielding could be found in Northumberland or Lancaster counties. The federal file includes an original family record certified by John D. Fielding as being in his father's handwriting and transcribed below.

John D Fielding a Sun Of Eppa Fieldings and Mary Ans his wife was born November 16th in the year 1785

Ambrose Fielding was born The 26th of may in the year 1787

Eppa Fielding was born the 6th of October in the year of 1788

William Fielding was born July the 3rd in the year 1790

[J]esse B. Fielding was born [Ja]nuary the 31 in the year 1792

[J]ames Fielding was born [Oc]tober 12th in the year 1794

Nancy Bacye was born July ye 18 1752

John Bacye was born July ye {19 {1754

Judith Bacye was born August ye 16 1757

Maryan Bacye was born March ye 12 1759

Lezebeth Bacye was born January ye 10 1762

Leyman Bacye was born March 10 1764

Jesse Bacye was born March ye 8 1766

Eppa Fielding and Maryan Bacye his wife was Marris February ye 10 In the year of lord 1785

Eppa Fielding was born ye 11 of January in the year of Our lord 1755

[The following paragraph written upside down relative to the above]

May ye 1st 1783/ I promis to pay unto Eppa Fielding on his order one yeares wages when received if Not received nor settled with Before that we part I do Oblidge my self to se him settled with before that we Part – Woolfer Bargo

Nancy Fielding was Born December the 15 in the Year 1796

Louisa Fielding was born April 26th in the year 1802

Eppa Fielding and Maryan His wife was marris February The 10th in the year 1785

Eppa Fielding was born January 11th in the year 1755

[?] a negro boy a sun of Polleys was born December 6 in the year 1801

David a negro boy a Sium[?] of Polley was born April 1[?] In the year 1805

Ellen a Negro girl a Daughter of Polleys was born September The 28 In the year 1807

Elezebeth a Negro girl a Daughter of Polley was Born January the 5th in The year 1810

Mary a Negro girl a daughter of Polleys was born the 26 of February 1812