State of Kentucky
Jessamine county Sct.

On this day 12th day of November 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Jessamine Elizabeth Finney a resident of Kentucky county of Jessamine aged Seventy four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows That she is the widow of Reuben Finney who was as she has been informed a private in the revolutionary war from Orange county State of Virginia by two different enlistments, the first for not less than two years the second for and during the war both of which enlistments he faithfully served out, she believes he was under the two enlistments in various battles – at the taking of stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779], and she thinks at the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and many others. She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Finney at the house of her father Henry Bourn Orange county, Virginia, in the fall of the year of our Lord 1784 and that the said Reuben Finney her husband aforesaid died in Jessamine county Ky. some time in the year 1813 or 1814. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Reuben Finney and is now a widow. she would further state that for several years previous to his death he was confined to his bed by the Rheumatic Pains and loss of sight say ten or twelve years a part of which time he was supported by the poor laws of the county of Jessamine Ky. That she had eight children and the donation from the said county was intended to assist in raising the said children during the disease and confinement of their father Reuben Finney

Further that she the said Elizabeth Finney has no means of support of her own and prays the relief granted by the act above mentioned.

Elizabeth herXmark Finney

State of Kentucky – Jessamine County, Sct: [27 Nov 1838]

I James Martin [possibly pension application S31236] resident of Jessamine County and State of Kentucky, aged 81 years, do hereby state that Reuben Finney was in the service as a regular soldier, to the South, but not in the same Regiment I was in – I b[several illegible words] in Robert Campbell’s regiment. I have no doubt [several illegible words] battle at Gilford and Camlin, and at the You Taw Sp[illegible; battle at Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781; Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781; Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] James Martin

I James Arvan [possibly James Irvine (Ervin, Erwin) S36611] aged 81 years in March next and now on the pension list of revolutionary soldiers say that I saw Reuben Finny in the revolutionary war at the winter quarters at Valley Forge [1777-78], saw him also the day after the battle at Monmouth, and at a variety of other places during the service – cannot now say who were his field or company officers we not belonging to the same regiments, but know that he served as a private for three years. I knew him also in his confined & blind condition in Jessamine county Ky up to the time of his death I saw him also the day after the taking of Stoney Point and believe that he was in the attack. Given under my hand the 14th day of November 1838 James X [his mark] Arvan
[8 Nov 1838] I Sarah Macnell resedent of Fayat [sic: Fayette] County and State of Kentucky do state that I was born’d in Orrange County and State of Virginia and was Raisd in 3 Miles of Reubin Finney. I beleave he went in the Servis of the U.S. as a regular Solger under Captain Taylor. two of my brothers went at the same time I am confydent that Reubin Finney was in the Servis Nerley the hole war as I lived in 3 miles of his Farthers

Sarah herXmark McNeil

[The following is from Revolutionary bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia. A certified copy is in the federal pension file of the above Reuben Finney, but it is possible that they were two different soldiers.]

It appears from the size Roll of the 3 Troop that Reuben Finny was inlisted for the War in Baylors Dragoons Sept’r. 1781 & served the full term of his enlistment.

William Barret [VAS1197] Capt
Certificate received by Baylors Dragoons, Dec’r. 3rd 1785.
Chas. Porter [Charles Porter]

NOTE: The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 13 Dec 1784 by Reuben Finnell and John Leathers for the marriage of Finnell to Elizabeth Bourn, spinster. Elijah Bourn and Judith Bourn of Jessamine County stated that they had been at the wedding. On 29 Dec 1838 it was stated that Elizabeth Finney had been living in Shelby County MO for about four years.
Finney Reuben  VA  W10024  f36VA
(Elizabeth)
Transcription by FA Weyler  11Jul2013

[p2]
Missouri certificate 2561
Elizabeth Finney
Widow of Reuben Finney
Private in cavalry of Virginia line 2 years
Issued 01Nov1843
$100/annum

[p3] transcribed marriage bond
Reuben Finney to Elizabeth Broun
10Dec1784

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State of Kentucky
Jessamine County  sct
On this 12th day of November 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for the county of Jessamine, Elizabeth Finney, a resident of Kentucky county of Jessamine aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress
passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Reuben Finney who was as she has been informed a private in the revolutionary war from Orange County State of Virginia by two different enlistments. The first for not less than two years, the second for and during the war, both of which enlistments he faithfully served out. She believes he was under the two enlistments in serious battles, at the taking of Stony Point, and she thinks at the battle of Brandywine & Monmouth and many others.

She further declares that she was married to the said Reuben Finney at the house of her father, Henry Broun, Orange County Virginia in the fall of the year of our Lord 1784 and that the said Reuben Finney her husband aforesaid died in Jessamine county Ky some time in the year 1813 or 1814. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794. And that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Reuben Finney and is now a widow. She would further state that for several years previous to his death he was confined to his bed by the rheumatic pains and loss of sight say ten or twelve years a part of which time he was supported by the poor laws of the county of Jessamine Ky. That she has eight children and the donation from the said county was intended to assist in raising the said children during the disease and confinement of their father, Reuben Finney.

Further that she the said Elizabeth Finney has no means of support of her own and prays the relief granted by the act above mentioned. Elizabeth Finney x her mark

Attest: H. Daniel JP

[p6] It appears from the size roll of the 3 troop that Reuben Finney was enlisted for the War in Baylor’s Dragoons Sep 1st 1781 & served the full term of his enlistment. William Barrett, Cap’t Baylor’s Dragoons, Decr 3rd 1785

Certificate received by Chas. Porter

Certified copy by the executive department of Richmond Virginia.

[p33] I James Arvan aged 81 years in March next and now on the pension list of revolutionary soldiers say that I saw Reuben Finney in the revolutionary war at the winter quarters at Valley Forge, saw him also the day after the battle at Monmouth and at a variety of other places during the service. Cannot now say who were his field or company officers, we not belonging to the same regiment, but know that he served as a private for three years. I knew him also in his confined & blind condition in Jessamine County Ky up to the time of his death. That I saw him also the day after the taking of Stony Point and believe that he was in the attack. Given under my hand the 14th day of November 1838. James Arvan x his mark

[p33] [routine Jessamine County certification
Mourean Brown, JP
Daniel B price, clerk]
I Sarah McNeil, resident of Fayat [Fayette} County and State of Kentucky do state that I was born in Orange County and State of Virginia and was raised 3 miles of Reuben Finney. I believe he went in the service of the United States as a regular soldier under Captain Baylor. Two of my brothers went at the same time. I am confident that Reuben Finney was in the service nearly the whole war as I lived in 3 miles of his father’s.

Sarah McNeil  x her mark

[routine certification
Jhn Shrock JP
James C Rodes, clerk]