Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Virginia Pension Application of Bartlet Cunningham VAS658 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris Elizabeth Cunningham

[From pension records in the Library of Virginia.]

[Some parts missing from the online image are supplied in brackets.] Cumberland May quarterly court 1787

Elizabeth Cunningham, is ordered to be reported to the executive as a proper person to be on the pension list, upon the following proofs towit, "Charles Ballow, and Benjamin Harrison, of lawful age being first sworn deposed, [that] Bartlet Cunningham, husband to the aforesaid Elizabeth, went into a Company of Militia from this County commanded by the said Charles Ballow a Soldier to the South; and that on the night of the day of which the ingagement of General Gateses defeat begun [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], he the said Bartlet Cunningham was sent with a detach'd party, to join Colonel [Charles] Porterfield, and that several of the said party who was attacked by the enemy returned, but said Bartlet, who never did, and they have good reason to believe he was either kiled or taken on the night aforesaid. J[ose]ph Carrington of lawful age being sworn deposed that the said Elizabeth [has] several small Children, and is in very indigent Circumstances.

Copy/ Teste,/ Creed Taylor ob. C.

Eliza Cunningham, is about 40 years of age, possessed of no kind of property and generally very unhealthy, has three children, the eldest about eleven years old, she is at present much distressed for subsistance for herself and Children

M Carrington/ Octo. 1787

June the 17th 178 Eight be Pleas to pay to Mayo Carrington the within twelve Pounds Elizabeth herXmark Cunningham

To the Sheriff of Cumb'd.

Test/ Jos Carrington

Rec'd June 27 1788 of the Sheriff of Cumberland twelve pounds in full for the within M Carrington

I do with the advice of council hereby certify that Elizabeth Cunningham, widow of Bartlett Cunningham late a private in the militia from the County of Cumberland and was killed in the service of the United States, is continued on the list of Pensioners with an allowance of twelve pounds yearly, commencing the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia at Richmond this 22^d day of December 1790.

Sam'l. Coleman.

Beverley Randolph

NOTE: The file contains documents similar to the first, third, and fourth above, renewed annually, the last is a receipt dated 10 May 1815.