Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elijah Dowell R3060 Lucy Dowell VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky }
County of Breckenridge } SS

On this 7th day of July in the year AD One thousand Eight hundred and fifty seven personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid duly authorised by law to administer Oaths Mrs. Lucy Dowell aged Sixty Four years, to me known to be a resident of the county aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law declares that she is the widow of Elijah Dowell dec'd. formerly of Bedford County Virginia and afterwards of Breckenridge County where he died That her said husband Elijah Dowell was a private in a Company Commanded by Capt John Lee in the [blank] Regiment of Virginia Troops under the Continental Establishment commanded by Col. [Richard] Parker. She has been informed & believes it to be true that her said husband was dafted in Bedford county Va. for Eighteen months and entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war against Great Brittain about January 1777 and continued in said service until his time was out and then Enlisted in the Regular service and continued therein until about January 1779 when he was discharged honorably, perhaps at Williamsburg Virginia, she has allways understood from him & others that he was in the Battle of Gilford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], if he had a certificate of discharge, she supposes it has been lost or distroyed, she cannot now find it. She states that she was married to the said Elijah Dowell, in Breckenridge county Ky on the 26th day of July 1818 by one William Morris a Baptist minister and that her name before said marriage was Lucy Cain, and that her said husband died in Breckenridge County on the 23rd day of August 1821 and that she is now a widow at the date of making this declaration which she makes for the purpose of obtaing a pension under the several acts of Congress granting pensions

she states that she has understood that Obadiah Basham [sic: Obediah Basham S35185] now dec'd entered the service with her said husband & she supposes they continued in the same service. The said Basham was his brother in Law and drew a pension during his life. She will make & forward the best evidence of her said husband services – & refers to the Army Rolls for proof of his services

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NOTE: The file contains a certificate that a license was issued in Breckenridge County KY on 22 June 1818 for the marriage of Elijah Dowell to Lucy Cain, as well as a record of the marriage performed on 26 July 1818.