

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Talley R10383

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State of Georgia Heard County: SS

On this 9th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting for said County Elisha Tally a resident of said County of Heard in said State, aged eighty-two 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, in the year 1777, he entered the service under Captain Elisha White who commanded at Williamsburg and continued the service throughout the campaign which he believes lasted about three months, he was in no engagement with the enemy, nor did the enemy place himself in a situation that would justify our troops in attacking them, that the Commander's name was General William Nelson who was commander in chief, that he believes that Colonel Samuel Meredith commanded the Regiment to which deponent belonged. That he resided at the time of his entering the service in the County of Hanover in Virginia deponent was drafted he marched from Hanover through New Kent thence into Charles City [County], thence to Williamsburg & from thence to York, he cannot recollect the Regiment or companies with which he served. That the militia met at Williamsburg from various quarters & there the regiments were made out he has forgotten the names of all the regular officers, he has lost all his documentary testimony relative to his service, and there is no one whom he knows of now living who was associated with him in the above campaign.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Elisha Talley, Senior

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisha Talley Senior". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

[William Atkinson, a clergyman, and Lewis Zachary gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p 11: oath of allegiance taken by the veteran]

Virginia Honourable Court  
I DO hereby certify, that *Elijah Tally* has taken and  
subscribed the oath or affirmation of allegiance and fidelity, as directed by an  
act of General Assembly intituled An act to oblige the free male inhabitants of  
this state above a certain age to give assurance of allegiance to the same, and  
for other purposes. Witness my hand and seal, this  
August 1777  
30<sup>th</sup> day of  
*J. Meredith*

Georgia Heard County: In the Inferior Court of said County sitting for Ordinary purposes

Personally appeared in open court Elijah Tally who being duly sworn deposed and saith the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of June 7th 1832 for a pension that he served three tours which he believes were three months duration each the last of the tours the deponent does not recollect how long it lasted that on this tour he understood it to be for the purpose of demolishing the breastworks which had been erected at York County in Virginia that the first two tours lasted for three months each and that the deponent served throughout each one of them, that deponent through his attorney William H Houghton has received from the Department of War a letter dated August 29th 1833 which reads as follows. *Department of War Pension Office August 29th 1833 – Sir. The claim for a pension under the act of June 7th 1832 by Mr. Elijah Tally, has been examined and rejected upon the grounds that his whole service did not amount to six months a period less than which will not enable him to avail himself of the benefit of the provision of the above recited act, his papers are placed upon the files of this office. I am respectfully your Obedient Servant – signed Geo. Wm. Crump acting Commissioner of Pensions [emphasis added by Will Graves for ease of reading]* by reference to the original petition and the certificates your petitioner believes that it may be seen that his tour of service upon the whole amounted to a period longer than six months to which your petitioner respectfully refers the Department, that his Certificates and other vouchers had been sent with the original petition, he is unable from great age & a consequent derangement of his memory to refer at this time at what particular times he entered the service on each tour and how long they each lasted, but of this fact he feels certain that his whole service amounted to a period longer than 6 months by comparing the oath of allegiance which was sent with the original petition, and a reference to its date & by comparing it with the time when the war closed it may be seen what length of time deponent was liable to serve & deponent further saith that he served each tour & throughout each and during the above interval when he was called on, and under the officers whose names (those which he could recollect) appear on the original petition.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 23rd day of January 1834

S/ Elijah tally, Senior