

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Turner R10758

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### State of Virginia and County of Shenandoah

On this 24th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court Elias Turner aged seventy-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he said Elias Turner enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the \_\_day of January 1778 in the State of Virginia and County of Shenandoah in the company commanded by Captain John Steed in the 8th Regiment commanded by Colonel Bowman that he continued to serve in said Company until he arrived at Valley Forge, that he continued to serve in the said Company for the term of eighteen months and upwards that during the eighteen months I was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] but during the time the Regiment was condensed but still called 8th Regiment that in the year 1781 I joined Captain Raigins [<sup>1</sup>] company of Rockingham County and then marched to the siege of York where he served three months and was legally discharged that he has now no other evidence in his power that he knows of and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed say eight hogs, one horse, one pewter dish, two pewter basons, for pewter plates, 10 pewter spoons, eight knives and forks, three iron pots, one iron oven, [indecipherable words], one chest, one wooden box and one water can. My occupation is a farmer but owing to age am unable to work much. I have a wife about 40 years of age. I have nine children five boys and four girls but out of that number there are but two that are able to perform any service or labor to my advantage. Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid

S/ Elias Turner, X his mark

[the court valued the veterans property as being worth \$32.53]

Shenandoah County to wit

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*Raigins*

The affidavit of Henry Aleshidt<sup>2</sup> taken Sworn and subscribed on the 2nd [?] of May 1820 before the Subscriber an acting Magistrate in the said County he being duly sworn deposed and saith that in the month of January 1778 Elias Turner of the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia enlisted and joined Captain John Steed's Company of regulars and marched to Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and then and there was attached to General Scott's brigade and the 8th Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman where he continued in service for upwards of eighteen months but during this time the Regiment became reduced and the 4th & was consolidated but still called the 8th and was then commanded by Colonel John Nevell [John Neville] and that Elias Turner was at the Battle of Monmouth and was then discharged and returned home and in the year 1781 joined Captain Rogers company of Rockingham County Virginia and marched to the siege of York where he served about three months and from old age and reduced Circumstances he is of opinion that he stands very much in need of assistance from his country for support. Sworn to and acknowledged by the said Henry Aleshidt and the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Aleshidt, X his mark

[f p. 14]

Rockingham County Virginia to wit

The affidavit of Peter Vanpelt<sup>3</sup> [Peter Van Pelt] taken sworn to and subscribed on the 14th day of November 1828 before the Subscriber an acting Magistrate in and for said County he being first duly sworn, deposed and says, that about the first of April 1778 he became acquainted with a man by the name of Elias Turner who is now in his presence, and who said Vanpelt says he knows to be the same Elias Turner that was in the service with him at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania where he and Turner first became acquainted, and that they were both in General Scott's Brigade Virginia line and in the 8th Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bowman when they first entered into the service, and afterwards by Colonel John Nevel [John Neville], he was under Captain Cooper and that said Turner was under Captain John Steed who commanded a company of regulars. Van Pelt also states that they was discharged from the service about the 19th of May 1779 between Middlebrook and Bound Brook in the New Jerseys. Signed and acknowledged by the said Van Pelt the day and year above written

S/ Peter Van Pelt, X his mark

[f p. 11: On April 26, 1855 in Page County Virginia, Nancy Turner, 78, the widow of Elias Turner filed an application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Elias Turner, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1798; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Barfield [?] a Methodist Minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Smith; that her husband died June 1, 1852 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing November 15, 1828, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Henry Aleshidt \(Aleshite\) S29579](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Peter Van Pelt W18198](#)