

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Elliott (Elliott) R38

VA Sea Service

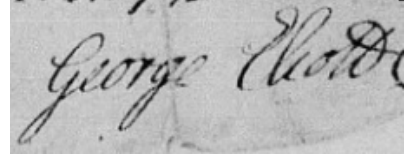
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[The following original document in the file of John Ewing (R3415) shows the correct spelling of George Elliott's surname.]

20th June 1777

This is to Certify that John Ewing Enlisted as a soldier With me the 14th of June 1776 for ye Term of [page torn] year now the time being Expired I therefore Discharge him From the servis Given under My hand this Day Above Written

George Elliott Ca[pt]



[The following four documents are certified copies made 5 Mar 1833 from the first volume of Virginia State Navy papers.]

To Capt'n. George Elliott,

Sir, You are to proceed with the Safeguard Galley to Mobjack Bay and deliver ten of your men to Capt'n. Tompkins [Robert Tompkins R102] of the Henry Galley, from thence to Pungoteague on the Eastern shore and deliver your arms to Colo. Southy Simpson [Southy (Southey) Simpson W6303] or his order and from thence to Cherrystone where your Galley is to be stationed for the protection of Trade and Inhabitants and on your arrival there apprise the County Lieuts. of Accomack and Northampton thereof whose Instructions you must follow from time to time until you are relieved.

P.S. the letters now delivered you for the County Lieuts }
of Accomack & Northampton you are to deliver to them }
as soon as you arrive at Cherrystone. }

Navy Board. 18 June 1777.

Signed Thomas Whiting 1st. Comm[issione]r.

To Capt'n. George Elliott, E. Shore.

Sir, You are immediately on receipt hereof to repair with your vessel to York River if you think you can come there with safety, if not you are hereby directed to proceed to any Harbour on the western shore, and on your arrival acquaint the Board.

Navy Board. 16 Aug't 1777

(Signed) Thomas Whiting 1st Comm'r.

To Capt'n. George Elliott,

Sir, We received your letter, and shall take proper care of the vessel you sent into Mobjack Bay, we expected before this that you had been at Gwinns Island [sic: Gwynn Island], therefore desire you will proceed there as soon as possible – should you want provisions you must purchase when you get to the Eastern shore.

Navy Board, 9th Sepr. 1777

(signed) Thomas Whiting 1st Com'r.

To Captain George Elliott and Capt'n. Saunders [Celey Saunders or William Saunders R89].

As sundry families are preparing to remove from their exposed situations on the Eastern shore; you are hereby required to convey all such to the mouth of York River, or any other place on the western shore that may be done with safety.

Navy Board. Oct 1st 1777

(signed) Thomas Whiting first Com'r.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the fourth day of October 1783, in the name of George Elliott as a captain in the State Navy for £301.13.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this fifth day of March 1833.

Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in three files indexed as Elliott, George.]

George Elliott is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Captain of the State Navy, for three years service
May 30th 1786

T. Meriwether

Edmund Randolph.

A warrant for 4000 Acres iss'd to George Elliott the first day of June 1788.

An Exam'd Copy f'm Record/ C. L. Pendleton 1st Clk/ L. Office July 4th 1832.

By the Books of my Office the Auditor of Public Accounts has Settled with Geo. Elliott as a Captain of the Navy from January 1st 1777 to the 1st of March 1780. Commission dated 22^d July 1776.
May 30th 1788. And Dunscomb/ Com'r &c

The Petition of the Heirs of Capt George Elliott respectfully states, that he was a Captain in the Navy of Virginia during the Revolution & rec'd a land warrant No. 4403 for 4000 acres of land only altho' he was allowed by the Executive the same bounty that other Captains in the navy were.

He was Reported by the Board in 1784 as one of the Captains of the navy entitled to ½ pay for service to the end of the war.

Yet by some accident he drew 4000 acres only when almost every other Captain of the navy (except Capt Tompkins) had rec'd more.

The Register however will not issue a warrant for the additional 1333⅓ acres without another order from the Executive.

Your petitioners are informed the Executive has in several cases, where Captain in the navy had recd 4000 acres only allowed the additional 1333⅓ and particularly have in a recent case, allowed Captain John Thomas [R100] heirs 1333⅓ acres, upon no other evidence than that filed when the claim was first presented in 84 or '83.

Y'r Petitioners pray that they may be allowed the same bounty given to other Captains in the Navy. Especially as their Ancestor was one of the oldest Captains of the navy.

all of which is respectfully submitted Th. Green atto for the Heirs

Petition for additional bounty land.

The Heirs of Captain George Elliott – S. Navy.

The heirs of Captain Elliott are entitled to the additional bounty land, which they claim.

He received 4000 acres of land. He was entitled to 5333⅓ acres, for a service of three years. He ought to have received the proportion of land allowed a major in the land service. He commanded the Safeguard Gally for some time: and the officers & men on board that vessel, in the year 1777, were at least Eighty two, besides the Company of marines. The number of men in the Safeguard, at the time above mention'd, has been ascertain'd to be at least 82 by an examination of the navy Journals, and Vol. I of Navy Papers – as he commanded more than 70 men, he ought to have received, for a service of 3 years, 5333⅓ acres of land.

Captain Elliott was Captain in the navy, before July 1776, and was in service to the end of the war. He was reported by a Board of officers in 1784 entitled to half pay, and "since dead" – His heirs appear to be entitled to the additional bounty of 1/6th of all former Bounties, for every years service over Six years. (see Supplement to printed list No 5.)

If yr. Excellency should allow Bounty land; it ought to be allowd for a service as Captain in the navy (major in the land service) from July 1776 to the end of the war – subject to a deduction of 4000 acres of land already receivd.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency

May 7th 1834

Gov'r [Littleton Waller] Tazewell

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) in three files indexed as Elliott, George.]

To the Governor of Virginia

The Heirs of Capt. Geo Elliott pray the allowance of add'l. Land for services rendered over six years. he was Commissioned the year 1776 and continued to serve to the end of the war. See Mr. Smiths report on the claim.

Thos Green for the heirs

1834 July 28 Rejected

The Memorial of Alexander Elliott for himself and the other heirs of Capt George Elliott of the Va. Navy in the Revolution respectfully states; That the land bounty for 6 years service has heretofore been allowed them – But he was in service from a period at least as early as the 22 July 1776 to the end of the war 3 Nov 83. See Comm. Smiths Report. Document No. 6 in Journals House of Del 1835-6 and the references made by Mr. Smith.

Your memorialists pray an additional allowance for the services of Capt. Elliott from 22 Jul 76 to 3 Nov 83 as a Captain in the Va. Navy after deducting what has already been rec'd.

Which is respectfully submitted by Thomas Green Atto. for the heirs

To the Executive of the State of Virginia [25 March 1844, Garrard County KY]

The memorial of George Elliott of Garrard County Kentucky a son of George Elliott deceased a Captain in the State Navy of Virginia in the Army of the Revolution.

Your memorialist will respectfully represent; That he is near Seventy Eight years of age and is a son of George Elliott deceased who was a Captain in the State Navy of Virginia in the Army of the Revolution and served from the latter part of the year 1775, or first of the year 1776 until the final close of the war.

Your memorialist knows of his own knowledge that his said Father left his home in Rockbridge County Virginia in the winter season to enter the service but cannot say in what capacity he entered, nor the exact date of his entering. The Father of your memorialist previous to his entering the service, had for some time been engaged extensively in the milling business and had a saw mill – grist mill – fulling mill – and an establishment for the hackling of hemp &c on one stream, and in the winter when they were in operation, and the water high – the tow from one of the hackles took fire and burnt down the fulling mill hackling establishment &c – whereupon the deceased Father of your memorialist immediately left his home and entered the service of the United States at the time above stated

The deceased Father of your memorialist on account of his said service was granted about the year 1788 an allowance of Land Bounty by the Commonwealth of Virginia for 4000 acres as a portion of the original Bounty to which became entitled. And his heirs about the year 1834 was granted an allowance for 1333¹/₃ acres, as the remainder of the original Bounty. Your memorialist is advised and verily believes that his said Father became entitled by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia to 5333¹/₃ acres of Land as his original Bounty for six years service. And to a further quantity of one sixth of the original Bounty, for

every years service over six years.

Your memorialist for the evidence in support of the alleged service will refer to that contained in the Army Register of Virginia and Navy Journals at the City of Richmond as well as that which is on file in the office of the Executive Department in said City.

Your memorialist believing it to be his right to apply for that which said Officer is honourably earned by near Eight years actual Service Respectfully ask the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia, that an allowance may be granted for the additional Bounty Land to which said Officer became entitled by the laws of Virginia, on account of his long and arduous service in the state navy of said Commonwealth. And this he will ever pray.

I have the honor to be/ Most Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

[signed] George Eliot

[On the same date a petition containing the same information about the service of George Elliott was filed by “Sally Sutton a widow and Grand daughter of George Elliott” and by “Jane Anderson another Grand Daughter of said officer both residents of Garrard County Kenty.”]

NOTES:

The federal file includes copies of several references in the Journal of the Virginia State Navy Board to George Elliott, Captain of the galley Safeguard, dated 10 Apr – 20 Jun 1778.

The federal file also includes correspondence written in 1833 naming the children and heirs of George Elliott. The names were spelled as shown here: Alexander Elliott of Adair County KY; George Eliot of Garrard County KY; John Elliott of Shelbyville KY; Jane Montgomery, formerly of Cumberland River, then Gallatin County TN, then westward. The following grandchildren were named: Alexander Elliott of Washington County KY, son of William Elliott, deceased; George Elliott of Bullitt County KY; Joseph, Isiah, and Elizabeth, children of Jane Montgomery.