

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elias Hollingsworth: R5152

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of South Carolina}  
District of Pickens} SS.

On this Eighteenth day of August 1845. personally appeared in open Court before William D. Steele Judge of the Court of Ordinary, Elias Hollingsworth a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged Eighty One 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was drafted as a militiaman of South Carolina, and entered the service as such, he thinks in the year seventeen hundred & 81 with Captain Daniel Duff and served as Quarter Master, but he cannot recollect the precise number of days, tho' he supposes the certificate of the Comptroller which states that it was 51 days must be correct, tho' his impression is that it was much longer. The officers as far as he can recollect, were Capt. Duff, Major [William] Farr and Col [Thomas] Brandon

The second Tour he thinks in the next year (as the year must have been nearly out when he returned from the first) he entered the same way, and served as a private under the same officers, was drafted he thinks, for Six months, and served out his time and was regularly discharged, tho' he does not now know what has become of it. That he resided in Union District S.C. when he entered the service, he was in no Battle. Marched from Brown's Creek to Grindalls Shoals [sic: Grindal Shoals] and there joined Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan's Camp, and crossed Broad River at mouth of Bullocks Creek, through Chesterfield District, and much through that part of the State, but does not recollect that he was out of the State. He further states that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, want of education to keep memorandums of pressing events, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served more than Six months, yet he would rather be under than over, so he put it down at Six months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, except that of South Carolina. Elias hisXmark Hollingsworth

The following interrogatories were propounded to Elias Hollingsworth, and answered as follows. viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born? In Louden [sic: Loudoun] County Va. in 1763.
2. Have you any record of your age? Has no record of his age.
3. Where were you living when called into service? where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live? In Union Dist. on Broad River, then to Newberry Dist. & now in Pickens Dist.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? Drafted.
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia Regts. as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services? Capt. Duff, Capt. Jolly, Major Farr, Major McJunkin, Col. Brandon, Capt. Savage & Gen'l. Morgan - served as stated in body of Declaration.
6. Does not recollect whether his discharges were written or only verbal, or from whom they were received.
7. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood &c. Maj'r. W. L. Keith & Gen'l. F. N. Garvin Pickens C. N. Col. T. J. Pickens, Rev'd. W. G. Mullens, E. B. Benson Esq & F. Burt Esq. Pendleton

South Carolina} Before me personally appeared Maj. Joseph McJunkin an old and highly  
Pickens District} respectable citizen of Union District S.C. and made oath that he knows  
Elias Hollingsworth of Pickens, and that he knew him and his family during the Revolutionary  
War, and knows that he done service as a friend to liberty, under Capt. Benjamin Jolly & Capt.

Daniel Duff and in the Regiment (he thinks) commanded by Col. Farr, who was Maj'r and Col. during the War: but he was not intimate enough with him during the war to state how long he served; but he recollects that a brother of his (Aquilla Hollingsworth) was killed by the side of this deponent at Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and that his Father was with this deponent during a considerable portion of the war; and they were all good Whigs & Soldiers, and afterwards good honest respectable citizens, and no one who knows Elias Hollingsworth could doubt his statement. [signed] Joseph McJunkin  
Sworn to & subscribed this 1<sup>st</sup> April 1845

Comptroller Gens's office  
Columbia So. Ca. July 21/45

Book X

Ind'd 789} Issued the 28 Sept'r 85 To Elias Hollingsworth for Twenty Three pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eight pence Sterl'g for Fifty one days duty as Q'r Master, and also for waggon pr aut audited

Pr'l £23:11:8 Int £1:10 ~

Book X

Ind'd 2880} Issued 30 May 86 To Elias Hollingsworth Four pounds, one shilling and Ten pence three farthings Sterl'g. Militia Duty in Brandens Reg't pr aut audited

Principal £4:1:10¼ Int £1:5:8

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office

For Comptroller Gen'l

Addendum to [Elias Hollingsworth R5152](#)

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Elias Hollingsworth pp 17

Audited Account No. 3699

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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[Book] X [No.] 789 28 September 85 [1785

Mr. Elias Hollingsworth his account of 51 days duty as Quarter Master in 1780 also service of Waggon Team & driver 1 Mo. [month] 5 days at 40 Dollars per Mo. [month] the whole amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £165.1.8

Stg. [Sterling] £23.11.8

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Elias Hollingsworth &c

To service Done under the Command of Genl Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] from the 12<sup>th</sup>

Day of July 1780 until the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September following as Quarter

Master Including 51 Days at \$ 25/ [25 shillings old SC currency per day] Total £88.15

To Service Done as Waggon Master under the command of Col. Brandon [Thomas

Brandon] from the 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1780 to 11 January 1781 Including the two

Days at £3

say 1 mo. 5 days at 40 dollars [per] Mo. 46 2/3 is Total

96

164.15

1.16.8

165.1.8

96 District} This Day Personally Appeared Elias Hollingsworth after being Duly Qualified Saith the above Account is Just as it Stands Stated

Proven before

Errors Excepted

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

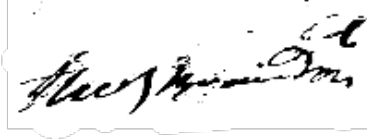
S/ Thos. Brandon, JP

S/ Elias Hollingsworth



I Do Certify this Servis was dun by order

S/ Thos. Brandon, Col.



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[No.] 2880

No. 112

[Book] X

30 May 86

Elias Hollingsworth for Militia duty, before, & Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] –

[old South Carolina] Currency      £28.13.4

Stg.      £4.1.10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd 30 May 1786, full Satisfaction for the within, in an Indent No. 2880 – X

S/ Elias Hollingsworth



[p 6: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above except in a slightly different format.]

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1843 Nov. 29

Petition of sundry Citizens of Pendleton District praying that Elias Hollingsworth be placed on the Pension List

Pension

T. J. Pickens

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South Carolina Pickens District

To the Honorable The Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

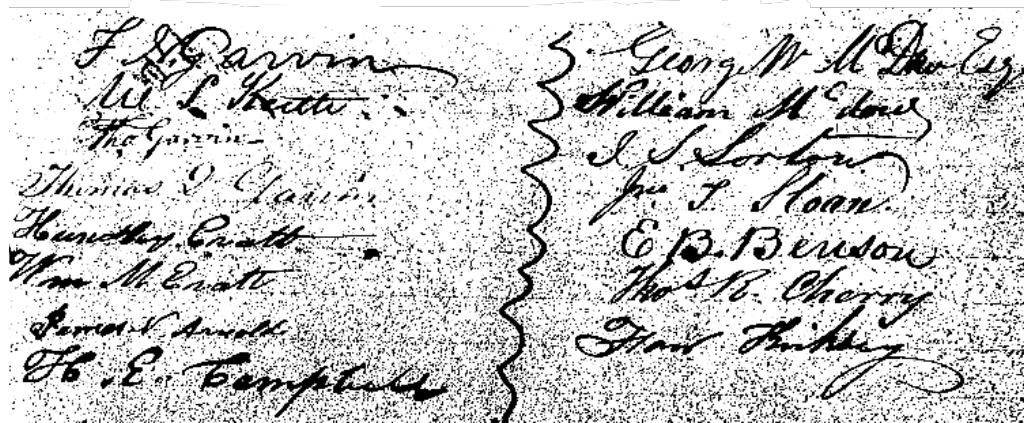
The humble petition of the undersigned Sheweth that Elias Hollingsworth of the State and District aforesaid who says he was a soldier in the war of the Revolution – that he has long been a worthy citizen of our District – that he served during the War on two or three several Campaigns in the Regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Brannon [sic] – that all his contemporaries both officers and Soldiers have died and he has been thus deprived of furnishing

such evidence to the Secretary of War as to entitle him to a Pension under the Acts of Congress making provision for Revolutionary Soldiers.

Your Petitioners therefore ask the respectful attention of your Honorable body to the Claim of our worthy and meritorious fellow Citizen with the hope that he may receive from you that reward which his services to his Country entitle him.

November 1, 1843 [Best guess as to some of the names below]

F. N. Garvin	George M. McDow Esq
W. L. Keith	William Mcdow
Thomas Garvin	J. S. Sorton
Thomas Q. Garvin	John T. Sloan
[?] Evatt	E. B. Benson
William M Evatt	Thomas R. Cherry
James N. Arnold	[??]
H. E. Campbell	



The image shows a scan of a document with handwritten signatures in cursive. The signatures are arranged in two columns, separated by a wavy vertical line. The left column contains: F. N. Garvin, W. L. Keith, Thomas Garvin, Thomas Q. Garvin, [?] Evatt, William M Evatt, James N. Arnold, and H. E. Campbell. The right column contains: George M. McDow Esq, William Mcdow, J. S. Sorton, John T. Sloan, E. B. Benson, Thomas R. Cherry, and [??].

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I hereby Certify that I Served during the Revolutionary War in Colonel Thomas Brandon's regiment with Elias Hollingsworth but how long he was in the Service I am unable to say

Witness S/ T. J. Pickens S/ Wm Grant,<sup>2</sup> X his mark

South Carolina Anderson District} Personally [appeared] William Grant before me and made Oath that the foregoing Certificate as regards Elias Hollingsworth's Services in the Revolutionary War is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1843

S/ William Hubbard, M. A. D. S/ William Grant, X his mark

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To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

William S. Williams of Pickens District South Carolina respectfully Sheweth unto your Honorable body that Elias Hollinsworth [sic], resident in Pickens District and State aforesaid, who had been placed on the pension list in this State long since, departed this life intestate, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1848 – that he had received the amount of pension due to him up to the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1848 and having died before the expiration of the next

<sup>2</sup> Perhaps the same man as [William Grant W1757](#)

pension year, he received nothing for the year commencing 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1848 and ending 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1849, consequently over two thirds of said pension, to which, from the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1848 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1848, the day of his deceased, being about 8 ½ months at \$5 per month would make \$42.50 – that Letters of administration, upon the Estate of the said Elias Hollingsworth deceased have been obtained by your petitioner from the proper authority – that deceased was a poor man, and wholly dependent upon the pittance granted him by the State, for his Support – Your petitioner is his principal Creditor and nearly all his debt was contracted for indispensable necessities, solely upon the faith of Said Annuity.

Therefore your petitioner prays that your Honorable body will allow his intestate, at least, the amount of money due from 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1848 to the day of his demise, being about 8 ½ months at \$5 per month would be \$42.50 which Amount your petitioner respectfully claims.

S/ W. S. Williams

Administrator of Elias Hollingsworth Deceased

[Note: The prayer of the petition was granted and the petitioner received \$42.50.]