

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Elledge S1511

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State of Georgia, Maury County: Superior March Term 1834

On this twenty fourth day of March personally appeared before the honorable the Superior Court for the County and State aforesaid it being a court of record Jacob Elledge, resident of the County of Maury and the State aforesaid aged ninety 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1777 a volunteer in the Militia of the State of North Carolina and served as herein stated. He says that he was born on the 21st day of January 1744 in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland, and he lived, at the time he performed the Services hereinafter stated in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina, and that he now lives in Maury County in the State of Georgia.

He says he Served six months in the revolutionary war; two tours, three months each tour. He says that he entered the Service of the United States a volunteer in the militia of the State of North Carolina in County of Wilkes in the year 1777 the day & month he does not at this time recollect; and marched under the command of Captain Lewis D. Moss [sic, Lewis Dunn] from the County and State last aforesaid, against the Cherokee Indians, and that they were Stationed a part of the time, employed in this tour on the Stony fork of the Adkin [sic Yadkin] River, and was there discharged.

He says his second tour was commenced on the first of October 1780 under the command of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Captain Hartgroves [Francis Hargrove], and that they marched from Wilkes in the State of North Carolina as one of the guards of the prisoners that were taken at the Battle fought at the Kings Mountain to the Moravian towns in the State last named; and was there discharged, he says that he never was in a Battle during his Services, but was under arms at the time the Battle was fought at the Kings Mountain which was on the 18th day of October 1780 [sic, October 7, 1780] and he says the reason why he was not in that Battle, was because he belonged to a company of footmen; and that the battle was fought by the cavalry alone.

He states he got a discharge in writing at the end of each tour; the first discharge was given by Captain Lewis D. Moss, and his second discharge was given by Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, at the Moravian towns in the State of North Carolina; but that day at this time both are lost or destroyed and he does not know not what means, or in what manner they did go.

He says that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person now living, whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He says he is known by ___ are his neighbors, in his present neighborhood; and that they can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He says there is not to his knowledge a Clergyman living in the bounds of this County, it having been recently organized and is just beginning to be settled by the white people.

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 State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Jacob [this is the entire signature]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Elledge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial 'J'.

[Philip Cox and Samuel McGauhy gave the standard supporting affidavit

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Interrogatories

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland on the 21st day of January 1744.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have saw the record of my age in my Father's Bible – from which record I took and transcribed into my pocket Book which book I now have.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina, and since that time, I have lived in Marion County in the State of Tennessee and I now live in Maury County in the State of Georgia.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I went into the service a volunteer.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: There was Col. Cleveland and Colonel Campbell [presumably William Campbell of Virginia] came in with a small Army from the State of Virginia and joined the Army of Colonel Cleveland before the Battle of Kings Mountain was fought & that the two armies fought together in that battle I do not at this time recollect the number of any of the Continental or militia regiments at this time and as respects my services, I entered the service of the United States in North Carolina, a volunteer in the Militia of that State, and served two tours three months each tour one and 1779 against the Cherokee Indians and the other tour was in 1780 and was employed a part of that time as one of the guards of the prisoners that was taken at the Battle that was fought at King's Mountain.

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State of Tennessee, Bradley County

On this 12th day of July 1837 before the Subscriber, a justice of the peace for the said County of Bradley personally appeared Jacob Elledge who on his oath declares that he is the Same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Lewis Dunn in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] in the service of the United States, that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Georgia from whence he has lately removed, that he is now resides in Bradley County State of Tennessee where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in the future the following was his reasons for removing from Georgia to Tennessee (to wit) that he is old & infirm, that he was unable to take care of himself and that he is beholden to the care, protection & attention of his son James Elledge who at the time his pension was allowed him lived in Maury County State of Georgia but has since that time moved into the County of Bradley & State of Tennessee & has there located hisself and Deponent is beholden to his son for protection,

attention, maintenance as above stated and therefore is compelled to live in the County & State last above named.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Pal

Justice of the peace of Bradley Cty

S/ Jacob Elledge

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacob Elledge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]