

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simeon Eldridge S3333

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State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this fifth day of June 1834, personally appeared before me William B. Lenoir An acting Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, Simeon Eldridge, a resident of said County, aged 76, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was born, as he understood from his father, in Virginia, near the Pennsylvania line, (the County he disremembers,) from where his father moved when applicant was a child, to Guilford County North Carolina. Applicant remained in Guilford till about 17 years of age, then moved into what is now Washington County, Tennessee, where he lived when he rendered the service for which he claims a pension. After the close of the Revolution, a year or two, he returned to said Guilford County, and lived two or three years, then returned and lived in said Washington about two years, then moved into what is now Jefferson County, Tennessee, and resided about ten years, then moved into said County of Roane, where he has ever since lived. He has no record of his age.

In the year, Applicant thinks, 1779, the settlers on the head waters of Nolichucky River were few, and great fears were had that the Tories and Indians who were, at different times, understood to be embodied up in the mountains, (sometimes separately, and sometimes together,) would break into the settlements and do great mischief. Applicant was first drafted, by Colonel John Sevier, he thinks, to go against Tories, for a term of three months, Word having come into the settlements that they were about to make inroads. He served in the company of Captain Nathaniel Evans, and ranged through the country on the head waters of Chucky [Nolichucky River] and Watauga Rivers. They never came in conflict with the Tories, though they were seen by spies. He served out the term of 3 months.

Very shortly after applicant served the term just mentioned, he thinks he had been at home but a month he was drafted for three months, again, to march against the Tories and Indians, who were said to be collected on the head waters of Nolichucky River, in the mountains. He went under the same Captain as before, in the same company; and after serving, he thinks, two months of the three for which he was drafted, ranging through what is now Washington County, and the adjoining part of North Carolina, he hired a man by the name of Thomas Ham to serve out his term, and came on home -- leaving said company up in the mountains, guarding the frontier. He served two months.

After being at home about six months from said last mentioned tour he was again drafted,

under similar circumstances for three months. He went into service in the same company, under said Captain Evans. After serving about one month and a half of this term, the Captain found that no danger was to be apprehended, the Tories and Indians having scattered, and they all returned home. 1 1/2 month. In neither case did he receive any written discharge -- being merely dismissed verbally, when the term of service, or the necessity for service expired.

During the years 1779 & 1780, applicant was in various scouting parties against Indians and Tories -- under said Captain several times, and under Lieutenant John Reid once. The captains were ordered out he believes by Colonel Sevier. They were out some time a week, & sometimes more at the time. How long he served in these parties he cannot say. He has no doubt more, but he is certain not less than one month -- 7 1/2 months -- In each case applicant was a private of Infantry -- in the militia

Applicant is known to the following persons at present his neighbors, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a revolutionary Soldier, viz.: James Browder, Jesse Medlock and James Lacky -- & Nelson Lutteral --

He states that he resides in a remote part of the County, and is unable to attend in Court without great inconvenience, on account of bodily infirmity.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person who can testify as to his service.

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 before me, the date first written

S/ Wm B. Lenoir, JP

S/ Simeon Eldridge, X his mark

[John Winton, a clergyman, and James Browder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831 for service as a private for 6 months and 13 days in the North Carolina militia.]