

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Elliott S34805 ¹

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State of Maryland Baltimore County to wit:

On this eighth day of April 1819 personally appears before me the undersigned Chief Judge of Baltimore City Court Thomas Elliott a resident of said City aged sixty years or thereabout, an applicant for a pension under the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War" and then and there made the following declaration upon oath by me administered –

That he enlisted at Annapolis in the State of Maryland sometime about the 1st of August 1780 or 1781, under Capt. Henry Gaither, mustered in said Company in the 4th Maryland Regiment under Major Alexander Roxburg [Alexander Roxburgh] and Col. John Stewart, was present under said officers at the siege of York where after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and his Army [October 19, 1781], Capt. Gaither resigned his Commission & Capt. John Mitchell took command, and the company transferred to the 3rd Maryland Regiment: (perhaps consolidated) which was commanded by said Col. Stewart & Major Roxburg – thence marched to the southward and joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army – when the Company was transferred or perhaps the remainder of the Regiment consolidated with the 2nd Maryland Regiment and still commanded by said Col. Stewart, Capt. Mitchell having returned home, Capt. Ball took nominal command, but the acting officer was Lieut. George Warner under whose command deponent continued until he returned by water from Charleston to Annapolis, where the said Lieut. was discharged and deponent and about one hundred others of the three years man were marched to Frederick Town under the nominal command of Capt. Bird but the name of the acting officer being a Lieut., deponent cannot now recollect – remained at Frederick Town Barracks then under command of Major Hardman until about the month of December 1783 when the troops were mustered at said Hardman's Quarters & discharged by him, deponent having received a written discharge – which discharge he afterwards showed to General Smallwood [William Smallwood] at his residence in Charles County, who tore the same up and gave one from under his own hand, which he retained, promising deponent to see his claim settled, and some short time thereafter delivered deponent a Final Settlement certificate which he swapped for a horse.

Deponent further saith that some few years after the close of the Revolutionary War and being discharged as aforesaid, he received from said Capt. John Mitchell at Port Tobacco, a

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Certificate identifying him as the person who had served under his command in the Regular Army on the Continental establishment and was entitled to receive as bounty one hundred acres of Land – which Certificate was also signed or countersigned by Capt. Thomas Jones who was then present and had been an aide to General Smallwood. This last mentioned Certificate deponent delivered to Col. Peter Little a member of Congress from Baltimore County about six or seven years ago, for the purpose of obtaining his bounty land, and which Certificate said Col. Little reported he had left in one of the offices in Washington. Deponent also further declares on his oath aforesaid that he faithfully served in the Army of the United States on the Continental establishment from the time of his enlistment to the time of being honorably discharged as aforesaid, being more than nine months in continuance – that he hath never been placed on any Pension Roll, that he is in reduced circumstances, entirely dependent solely on his personal labor for subsistence, greatly needs the assistance of his country for support.

Subscribed and sworn to before

Test S/ N. Brice, CJBalt. Court

S/ Thomas Elliott, X his mark

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State of Maryland, County of Baltimore to wit

On this eighth day of April 1819 personally appears before me George Miller of lawful age, a person to me well known for being by me duly sworn deposed and saith that he was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary Army in a Company commanded by Capt. Henry Gaither attached to the 4th Maryland Regiment, that when at Annapolis he became acquainted with Thomas Elliott now present who was a private in said Company as a regular enlisted soldier which said Regiment was then under the command of Col. John Stewart. That deponent transferred to Capt. Spurrier's Company and marched to Snake Hill, and Elliott marched from Annapolis to the southward under Capt. Gaither, Major Alexander Roxbury [sic] & Col. John Stewart and further saith not.

his mark

S/ George Miller, X

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Auditors Office Annapolis 17th of March 1819

I hereby Certify that it appears from the Pay Rolls Remaining in the Auditors office that Thomas Elliott Received from John Hamilton agent of the Maryland Line the Sum of \$80 arrears of pay from 1st of August 1780 to the 1st of January 1782 also the Sum of \$80 for pay from the 1st of January 1782 to the 1st of January 1783 and also the Sum of \$43.30 4 pay from the 1st of January 1783 to 15th of November 1783 when his Time Expired

S/ Thos. Karney

Auditor State Maryland

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Schedule

United States of America Maryland District: SS

On this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court in the District Court in and for the said District of Maryland Thomas Elliott aged Sixty-one years, a resident in the City of Baltimore in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

That he enlisted at Annapolis in the State of Maryland on or about the 16 August 1781

under Capt. Henry Gaither in the 4th Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. John Stewart – Capt. Gaither afterwards resigned, and Capt. Mitchell commanded and the company transferred or consolidated into 3rd Maryland Regiment under same Col., was afterwards under nominal command of Capt. Bell, but actually under Lieut. George Warner under whom returned to Annapolis – ordered to Frederick Town Maryland under nominal command of Capt. Brice, finally discharged at Frederick Town aforesaid by Major Hardman in December 1783 which discharge is having been shown to General W Smallwood he tore up and gave the declarant one from under his own hand having served about two years and eight months – that he made his original declaration before the Hon. Judge Brice about 8 April 1819 and received a pension Certificate dated 8 September 1819 Numbered 14125 –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

A Small quantity of shoemakers Tools not worth	\$10
2 Common tables, 6 Do Chairs, some crockery &c and some Cooking apparatus	15
Sundry small Articles, too tedious to enumerate	<u>12</u>
	\$37--

I have a Wife named Eleanor aged about 50 years & upwards very sickly and helpless, one daughter at home named Elizabeth, aged 10 years, and a son named Eli 6 years of age – I am by trade a Shoemaker but being advanced in years and eyesight failing and greatly afflicted with Rheumatic pains, can do but little work, and that little with great suffering of pain when sitting. That I am in such reduced Circumstances as to stand in need of the assistance of my Country for support and were it not for the pension I receive as a Revolutionary Soldier I would not be capable of supporting myself except by private or public Charity

S/ Thomas Elliott, X his mark

[p 15: by application dated April 23rd, 1828, the veteran applied for his bounty land entitlement as a veteran of the revolutionary war. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 8, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]