

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Sorrel (Sowell) S37190

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Bath County Kentucky Sct.

Elisha Sorrel states that he is a Citizen of the United States resident in Kentucky. That he was a Private soldier in the Continental Army and served for Three years during the Revolutionary War. That he was enlisted for Three years in Culpeper County Virginia by Ensign Armstead Minor [Armistead Minor] – And was mustered into Captain John Gillison's Company 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] of the same State.

That he was in the engagements of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and Savannah [probably a reference to the Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779] and was Honorably discharged at the end of his time – But that his House got Burnt & his discharge in it – And that he has no evidence of his services or discharge other than what is here sent and what may be found in the War Department – That he was enlisted about the first of the War say some time in 1777. Because he served as a minute man between twelve and Eighteen months and then enlisted immediately – His discharge was at Augusta upon Savannah River. That he is in indigent Circumstances and has lost the use of his right arm and is totally unable to obtain a subsistence by manual labour which is the only mode of getting a living within his power – Wherefore he claims a pension allowed him by law – And declares that he has heretofore received no pension from the United States.

Mr. Thomas Williams States that he is well acquainted with the above named Elijah Sorrel and knows him to be a very poor and hard working man until the last twelve months he has lost the use of his right arm & is now unable to gain a living by Labour which is the only way he has had to obtain a subsistence that when said Sorrel first came to the neighborhood where he now live he was the poorest man this affiant ever saw having a wife and five children with him.

[Attested June 17, 1818 by the clerk of the Bath County Court, Kentucky, Thomas Triplett.]

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State of Kentucky Bath County} Sct. August Court 1820

Elisha Sorrel Schedule and statement as a United States pensioner was produced in open Court sworn to by said Sorrel and ordered to be Certified as follows to wit "On this the 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court Elisha Sorrel aged Sixty six years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served

in the revolutionary war as follows in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] and in Captain John Gillasons Company the number of his pension Certificate is 9113 and the State of his Original Application is 17th of June 1818 –

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

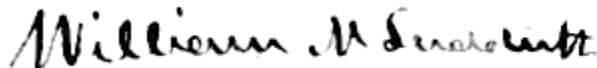
	Schedule
2 horses worth \$25 each	\$50.00
1 Cow & calf worth	10.00
2 Calves worth	05.00
8 head of Sheep worth	<u>5.00</u>
	\$70.00

S/ Elisha Sorrel, X his mark

I am Sixty Six years of Age and by Occupation a farmer my wife is about fifty seven years of age and is an unhealthy woman and unable to get a living by her own labour I have also three children living with me one named John Sorrel the other named James Sorrel One daughter named Phebe Sorrel my son John is of age and labours for himself and the others work for me.

I William M Saretetuth [?]¹ Clerk of the County Court of Bath do certify that the foregoing Oath and Schedule thereto annexed are truly Copied from the Record of the said Court and I do further Certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the amount in value of the property exhibited in the referenced Schedule is \$70.

In Testimony whereof I the Clerk aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the aforesaid County of Bath at Owingsville this 14th day of August 1820 In the 29th year of the Commonwealth



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 17, 1818 for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Elisha Sorrel S37190

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 19 Aug 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

The State of Kentucky Bath County Ss



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Elisha Sorrel this day personally appeared before me Peter Davis a Justice of the peace in & for said County of Bath And made Oath that his Brother Richard Sorrel [VAS4596] Enlisted & Served three years [see endnote] in the Revolutionary War in the Tenth Virginia Regiment in Capt John Gillison [W7530] Company – Col'n Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] Commanded the Reg't
Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of March 1820

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This day James Sorrel Personally appeard before me Peter Davis a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bath and made oath that his Brother Elisha Sorrel Enlisted and Served three years in the Revolutionary War in the Tenth Virginia Regiment Comanded by Col Stevens [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] and in Capt John Gillisons Company
Given under my and and seal this 24th day of March 1820

State of Kentucky

Bath County Sct

Elisha Sarrel appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he Enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt. John Gillison in the Tenth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Edward Stephens for Three years in the Continental line, and that he served three years in said Reg't and was honorably discharged by Col. Rich'd Parker [Richard Parker BLWt525-500] in the State of Georgia and that he has lost his discharge and has never rec'd his Land warrant – and that he wishes Mr. John Watkins of Richmond Virginia to receive his warrent when issued and to receipt for it in his name.
given under my hand this 24 day of March 1820 Peter Davis J.P.

NOTE: John Gillison certified that Richard Sorrel died in the first year of his enlistment.