

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Claiborne Elder S39489
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Elder Claiborne Va S39489

(p2) summary of pension 30 Nov 1819 thru 20 Sep 1829 at \$8.00/mo in Petersburg, Dinwiddie County, Virginia.

Commonwealth of Virginia

Dinwiddie County

On this 15th day of November 1819, before County Court of Dinwiddie then sitting, personally appeared Claiborne Elder, aged sixty years, resident in the County of Dinwiddie, in the said District, who being before the said court, first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That he the said Claiborne Elder enlisted for the term of _____ on the _____ day of March in the year 1776 in Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain John Jones of the Sixth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner --- in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps or in the Service of the United States until the month of March 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; That he was in the Battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776] and Princeton [January 3, 1777] and in several skirmishes; and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of assistance of his country for support; that his discharge was burnt up with his house in which it was deposited; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the subjoined certificate ----

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

Seth Tucker P.J.

Dinwiddie County, to wit

(Peter Epes¹ stated that he served with Elder as described)

Various county and War Department papers are in the file re/Claiborne Elder.

The signature of Claiborne Elder does not appear on the declaration or in the file.

Added by Will Graves

3/2/13

[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. 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 fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also,

¹ [Peter Epes S8424](#)

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 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

County of Dinwiddie [Virginia] SS

On this 20th day of July 1829, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, Claiborne Elder, a resident of the said County, aged seventy years, on the 15th day of June last, who, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820: That he the said Claiborne Elder enlisted for the term of two years, on the __ day of __ in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain John Jones, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner, in the line of the State of Virginia, on the State Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until, the end of two years and eleven days from the time of his enlistment, when he was discharged from the service at Valley Forge, in the State of Pennsylvania, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present: That his name has been placed on the pension list: That the number of his pension certificate is 16,000: and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, because upon applying at the pension office last in Richmond, he failed to receive any further pay, and was informed that he could not receive any more without swearing that he was not worth some particular some the amount not now recollected; that being then in possession of a poor track of land, containing one hundred acres, he did not think he could take the requisite oath: That it is but recently he has been informed by some friends who well knew his pecuniary circumstances, that they had no doubt he could be placed on the pension list by taking the proper steps for that purpose. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That he owns the aforesaid 100 acres of land, two small hogs, a few plantation tools, some cooking utensils, one chest, two trunks, one very small, a pine table, and four chairs. That since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property: one horse sold for \$30, one cow which died, and five hogs killed for use, and one sow died. That he is by occupation a farmer or planter, but from age and infirmity he is able to do but little labor now, that he has no family, and lives with his son, who is a poor man, and has two small children: that if it were not for assistance which he received from his son, he should be obliged to depend in a great measure for support upon public charity: that there is now in the hands of the Sheriff of the County and execution against him amounting to \$31.54, a debt contracted for necessities of life, to wit: sugar, coffee and bacon besides other debts amounting to at least \$50. Sworn to and declared on the 20th day of July 1829, before the County Court of done witty being a Court of record.

A schedule of property belonging to Claiborne Elder, given in before the County Court of done witty the 20th of July 1829 viz.:

Two trunks
One pine table

Three earthen plates
Two dishes

Three rush bottom chairs
One iron pot
One horse cart
Two weeding hoes
One small hammer

One glass tumbler
One earthen bowl
One frying pan
Three hilling hoes
Two axes
One jug and two hogs

S/ Claiborne Elder [signed by the scribe]

[the court valued the property shown in the exhibited schedule at no more than \$110—
transcriber's note: what about the value of the 100 acres of 'poor land.' It wasn't included in the
schedule.]