

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elias Langham S41747

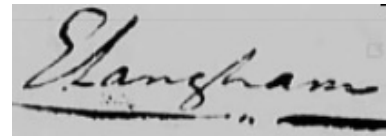
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 16 Aug 2020.

State of Ohio Madison County Ss

Elias Langham resident in said County personally appeared before me Samuel Baskerville first Associate Judge in and for said County and after being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth, That on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 1777 he the said Elias Langham enlisted under Lieutenant Richard C Waters [VAS2145] of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't. of Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison [VAS1411] a private Matross [sic: Matross] during the war. That when the Regiment was arranged into Companies he fell into the company commanded by Capt. Drury Ragsdale [BLWt1854-300], but served part of his time with the Northern Army under Capt. Anthony Singleton [BLWt2068-300] of the s'd. Reg't. and for a time under Capt John Dandridge [W6993] who commanded the detachment which marched with the Virginia line in the winter 1779-80 to join the Southern Army, which Detachm't. was afterwards (sometime) commanded by Colo. Harrison himself but principally by Capt. Anth'y Singleton to whose Company the s'd. Elias was generally attached.

That he the said Elias served in different small stations (of which he was proud) Vizt Bombadier, Sargt QuarterMaster Sargt and Conductor of Military Stores all of which he presumes is to be found on the Muster rolls in the War office except the latter for which he never rec'd. any additional pay 'tho hard-earned untill he the said Elias Langham rec'd. a letter from General Nathanael Greene informing that he the said Elias Langham was appointed a Lieutenant in the said first Reg't. of Artillery which letter is herewith enclosed. that he the said Elias did serve in that office to the full and complete close of the War which he presumes will appear on the Muster rolls in the War office. That his last service was in Capt. Ambrose Bohannans [sic: Ambross Bohannon BLWt280-200] Company of s'd. Reg't. having been sent to Virginia to recruit soldiers for the Reg't. and ordered by a board of arrangement to join that comp'y. at their Rendezvous near Winchester Virginia, That by miscarriage he supposes as the cause, his Commission never came to hand. That after the close of the War he rec'd. five years full pay in what was called final settlement Certificates in lieu of half pay for life, one months pay of which he deposited as part of the funds of the Cincinnatti [sic: Cincinnati] Society, for which he holds a diploma signed by his illustrious chief George Washington. That he the s'd. Elias Langham is unwilling to own his poverty, but acknowledges that the allowance made by the Act of Congress passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 will be very useful and convenient to him. The said Elias further states that from the time of his enlistment untill the close of the war he was always in active service, except, from the time he had leave to retire subject to rendezvous again at a moments warning, to the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov'r. 1783, at which time the Army was completely discharged by proclamation. That he rec'd. his bounty of Lands as a Lieutenant from the State of Virginia & gave orders for Doctor Alexander Skinner to receive it from the United States.



[A note in the file indicates that the following is a copy, and the original was removed for safe keeping.]

Head Quarters Ponpon [Pon Pon, near Jacksonboro, Colleton County SC]

Sir March 5<sup>th</sup> 1782

As a reward for your faithfull and essential services to your Country, & particularly to the Southern Army, I have directed the Deputy Adjutant General to announce you in orders as a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of Artillery til the pleasure of the board of War can be known, and your Commission will bear date on this day, when obtained.

Inclosed are the orders agreeable to your request. On the superintendent of the lead mines for two

tun of lead, and another on Colonel Calaway [possibly James Callaway] for half a tun of Iron & two hundred weight of Steel. Pray use them with economy. You will please to send down all the arms you have repaired and all the cartridges you have ready for use, and you will please to send them on as fast as you get them ready for service both arms, accoutrements, & ammunition

I am Sire your most Obedient Humble Servant  
Lieut. Langham

Nath Greene

District of Ohio Madison County  
Madison Common pleas

On this tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty one personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County Elias Langham, aged sixty one years resident in said County and district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. Inlisted as a private matross under Liutenant Richard C Waters of Col. Charles Harrisons Reg't. of Artelary at Yorktown Virginia and was first of Captain Drury Ragsdales company. enlisted February 19<sup>th</sup> 1777 and served to the close of the close of the revolutionary war in which time he was promoted to a Lieutenant in said Regiment. The original decleration of this deponant was dated on the thirtieth day of April 1818 and that he hath Received a certificate for a pension numbered 3072 – And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 — Occupation a surveyor but unable to pursue it. And that the declarant has six children but none leaving with him

Inventory

1 Horse Saddle and Bridle	\$25 00
All Other property	<u>10 00</u>
Total	\$35 00

signed E. Langham

[Langham gave the following statement in support of the pension application of Charles Barker (S45234):] I certify that Charles Barker was a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line in the Revolutionary War, that he marched from the Northern Army in the Winter 1779-80 and was attached to Capt. Dandridge's detachment of Artillery to strengthen that detachm't with many other officers & soldiers from the Virg'a Infantry – that the s'd. Charles Barker marched with the undersigned to La News ferry [sic: Leneud's Ferry] on the Santee River and after Charles Town was surrendered [Charleston, 12 May 1780] and retreated [14 May] with and under the command of Col'l. Ab'm. Bufort [sic: Abraham Buford S46372].

That the s'd. Charles Barker always behaved well and did serve more than nine months, and the undersigned believes more than three years.

Sept'r. 10<sup>th</sup> 1821

E. Langham – late Lieut. 1<sup>st</sup>. Reg't. Art'y

I, Elias Langham of the county of Madison in the state of Ohio, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war, at which period I was a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Artillery from Virginia on continental establishment.

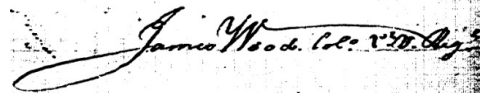
I also declare that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to five years full pay, which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 1782 instead of the half pay for life to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780. – And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States as a pension, since the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1826 four hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the agent for paying pensions in the State of Ohio. Witness my hand, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 1828. E. Langham

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

Winchester Barracks 24<sup>th</sup> June 1783

Certified that Lt. Elias Langham entered the Cont'l Service in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't of Artillery the Nineteenth of February 1777. has been ever since and is now in Actual Service

James Wood [BLWt2419-500] Colo. 1<sup>st</sup> LV Reg't

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Wood. Col. 1st LV Reg't".

Chillicothe Dec'r 17<sup>th</sup> 1808

D Sir/ I am entitled to an additional land warrant for Continental Service

I served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't of Art'y from the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y 1777, till the end of the war, & came out of Service a Lieutenant. Colo. Carrington & Major Coleman [Edward Carrington W6635 and Capt. Whitehead Coleman BLWt467-300] both belonged to the same Reg't. I formerly sent a Certificate from Major Meredith to Mr. Price.

Will you Oblige me so far as to try to procure my additional warrant & inclose it to me respectfully – your Ob't Se't

Mr Clark

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elias Langham".

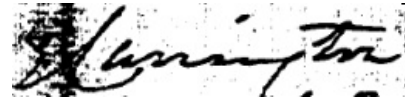
Rich'd Mar 2[?] 1809

From having frequent occasion to entrust the within Elias Langham with the discharge of special duties, I recollect his course of service in the Revolutionary War very well; & am well authorised to say he has stated them correctly in his within Note to Mr. George Clark

E Carrington

late Lt Colo 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't Art'y

9 months allowed ad'l/ Lt Governor acts 19 Ap'l 1809

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E Carrington".

It appears by the books in this office, that Elias Langham has drawn military bounty for three years services as a Lieutenant of artillery in the Continental line

Edw'd C. Davis

Land Off./ April 18th 1809