

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Palmer S5874

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Virginia, to wit,

On this 23rd day of October 1832 Personally appeared before the Court of the County of Halifax Elisha Palmer a resident of the County aforesaid who states that he was 77 years of age the 15th of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he volunteered as a private soldier about the 1st of May in the year 1776 under Captain Peter Rogers in Captain Rogers's company was attached to Colonel Hains Morgan's [Haynes Morgan's] Regiment. He recollects no other Officers except the Orderly sergeant belonging to Captain Rogers' company by the name of William Kemp. He marched from the aforesaid County of Halifax (where he then resided and has ever since the close of the War) to Petersburg, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Guinn's Island [Gwynn Island], from thence he crossed the Piankatank River and marched up the Potomac River a considerable distance and he was stationed a considerable time on the Potomac, at a place the name of which he does not recollect, and from thence he returned to the County of Halifax the last of September or the 1st of October, having served a tour of about five months. He was drafted in January 1781 and entered into the service the 13th day of said month and marched from the aforesaid County of Halifax under Captain Charles Wall and Lieutenant Fleming Bates and Captain Wall's company was attached to Colonel Charles Flemons [Charles Fleming's] Regiment he marched to Petersburg thence to Cabin Point Thence to Bab's old field [Babb's old field], and there he was at the taking of 20 or 25 Hatianes [Hessians] and then he returned to Cabin Point and from thence he was sent with the Militia Stores to Prince George Courthouse where he was discharged after being in service three months and he is unable to produce a discharge for either of the aforesaid tours of duty, 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.

S/ Elisha Palmer¹

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Virginia Halifax County, to which,

I James Bates² of said County and old Revolutionary Officer, do hereby certify that I have long been acquainted with Elisha Palmer of said County an old revolutionary soldier and I

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² [James Bates W5787](#)

believe that the said Palmer served a tour of duty as a minute man under Captain Peter Rogers as I visited the Camp and saw the said Palmer in Camp as a soldier under the said Captain Rogers in May or June 1776. I the said Bates do further certify that while I remained in the service as a sergeant in 1781 under Captain Gaines, from the County of Charlotte Virginia and was stationed at Cabin Point in said state the aforesaid Elisha Palmer marched as a soldier from the aforesaid County to Cabin Point under Captain Charles Wall and Lieutenant Flemon Bates and I was transferred from the aforesaid Captain Gaines to the aforesaid Captain Wall to which company the said Palmer belonged and the said Palmer and myself remained in the service together about 3 or 4 weeks under the said Captain Wall and Lieutenant Bates and I was discharged at Cabin Point and left the said Palmer in service and I have no doubt but what he served a tour of 3 months. Given under my hand this 20th day of October 1832. –

S/ James Bates³

Virginia Halifax County, to wit:

I Elias Palmer of said County and old Revolutionary Soldier do hereby certify that I have strong reasons to believe that my brother Elisha Palmer an old revolutionary soldier of said County served a tour of duty as a minute man, from the aforesaid County in the year 1776 as I saw several letters addressed to our Father from the said Elisha Palmer while he was absent and in the Army and I the said Elias Palmer do further certify that the said Elisha Palmer and myself were drafted in January 1781 and entered into the service the 13th day of the said month and we served a tour of duty of 3 months under Captain Charles Wall and Lieutenant Flemon Bates. Given under my hand this 20th day of October 1832

S/ Elias Palmer⁴

Halifax County to wit

I John T Palmer of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that I well recollect that Elisha Palmer of said County and old Revolutionary soldier was called into the service of the revolutionary War about January 1781 and he returned I think about April in said year. Given under my hand this 19th day of October 1832

S/ John T Palmer

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia service.]

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