

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elias Perkins S5908

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State of Virginia } SS

Greenbrier County }

On this 28th day August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Greenbrier County now sitting it being a Court of Record Elias Perkins of said county, and State Virginia, Aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following decliration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 about the last of June of that year for the term of Eighteen months in the County of Botetourt & State of Virginia and served in the 2^d Virginia Detachment under the following named officers to wit, under Capt [Sigismund] Stribling Maj. Sneed [sic: Smith Sneed] and Col Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] and was marched from the s'd County of Botetourt to Hellsborough [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina where he drew Arms and where Arms were drawn by the Soldiers, and was marched from Hellsborough by way of Salsberry [sic: Salisbury], and on to the Cheraugh Hills [sic: Cheraw Hills in SC, Jan 1781] and there joined the Army under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. The Americans was driven by the British army for some distance and had to cross Dan River into Virginia at which time [14 Feb] he was taken sick and was sent with other sick soldiers that were not fit for duty to Prince Edward Court house in Va and remained there untill he was able to join the Army again and joined the same at or near Cambden [sic: Camden SC] and was marched from there to the round O [Round O SC] and from that to 96 and was at the Siege of 96 [Siege of Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] And from that he was marched to the PonPon Church and from that to Salsberry North Carolina where he was discharged on the 17th day of January 1782 which was 17 days after his proper time of service had expired. That during his eighteen month & seventeen days service he was marched to many other places that he dose not now recolect. That he received his discharge at Salsberry signed by Capt. Stribling and Maj Sneed and that he hereby submits his discharge sealed and signed the 17th day of Jany 1782 as proof of his services rendered the United States during the Revolutionary War

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any Agency in any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Teste John Mathews CGC

Elias hisE mark Perkins

The Bearer heare of Elias Perkins Solder 2^d Virginia Detachment Capt Stribling Company having served during Eighteen month Being the Term for which for which he was Ingaged is heareby discharged from said detachm't In which we Certify that he hath behaved as a Brave and faithfull solder Given at Salsberry this 17th 1782 Jany 17th

L Stribling Capt

S Sneed Maj'r Com't

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On this report Singleton wrote "Entitled."]

Elias Perkins - Served 18 mo. & 17 days. draws \$123.76.

Joseph McMillian [pension application S18116] says he has known Elias Perkins for 49 years - in their early acquaintance has often heard him state his revolutionary services as a solder. he has no doubt of his having enlisted for eighteen months and served out the time. has often heard him say so and on more than one occasion has seen his discharge.

John Fryer [S6866] says that Perkins & himself served together as brother soldiers in the South - and at one time belonged to the same Regt (Bauforts [sic: Abraham Buford's] Regt.) - he knows that Perkins Enlisted for eighteen months & served out this time & some days more -

they were discharged at same time at Saulsbury. Perkins belonged to Col. Haws Regt. Major Sneed's Battalion Capt Striblings Company - Sneed signed Perkins discharge which he (Fryer) has often seen.

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Note. the forgoing information was given to the undersigned on the 20th July 1835 [sic: 1834] - it being perfectly satisfactory and Perkins being very remote from my neighborhood visits. It has seemed unnecessary to waste time in calling on him personally - the [illegible word] opinion of the county as far as ascertained is decidedly in favor of Perkins' right to a pension

W. G Singleton February 11, 1835