

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ellis Cheek [Elias Cheek] S8204

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State of South Carolina Laurens District } In the Common Pleas.

On this Seventeenth day of October – personally appeared in open court, before his Honor Richard Gant [sic, Richard Gantt] one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Ellis Cheek ^{aged 72 years} a resident of Laurens District South Carolina who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 viz. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a substitute for one William McDoul [sic, William McDowell or William M. Duval?] in the year 1780 under Charles Saxon Captain, Colonel McCrary [probably Lt. Col. Robert McCrery or McCreary]: marched to Cupboard Creek near Augusta Georgia remained there some time; was then marched to reinforce Charleston which place was surrendered just before our arrival, was marched over upon Santee [River]: remained there for a time & was there disbanded after a Tour of two months service – received no written discharge.

He volunteered under Captain John Thompson [John Thomson] again in the month of November in the year 1781. ___ Fair [Lt. Col. William Farr] Colonel commanding was stationed at Ancrum's on the Congaree [River] part of the time & the balance of the time was engaged in scouring the country, during this period was at the battle at Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Plantation¹] near Santee. This Term joined the Army under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at Grindal Shoals on the Pacolet River was at the battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781]² under Captain John Thomson & Colonel Brennan [sic, Thomas Brandon]. Then left the Army after a period of more than twelve months as constant service.

He again was drafted & went into service under Captain Lewis Duval & Major Ford [John Ford] & marched to Bacons Bridge near Charleston and there performed a period of two months service, was permitted to return home but received no written discharge. He was a resident of Ninety Six District now Spartanburg District South Carolina. He has no documentary evidence but Robert Long can testify to my revolutionary services

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 176? [last digit written off the page].³

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7

I have a copy taken from the original record of my age made by my father.

I was living on farforest River [sic, Fairforest River] South Carolina in __ County now Union or Spartanburg District, removed to Laurens District before the conclusion of the war, where I have lived ever since.

I substituted for one William McDowl & served the period of 2 months – Volunteered & served the whole time after this except the two last months which I served as a drafted man.

Cannot answer the 6th Interrogatory further than it is answered by the foregoing declaration.

I received no discharge.

The Rev Gabriel Philips and General Starling Tucker all persons acquainted with me in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior and Robert Long will testify as to revolutionary services in part –

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Garlington, Clerk L. Dist.

S/ Ellis Cheek, X his mark

[p 12: Gabriel Phillips, a clergyman, & Starling Tucker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

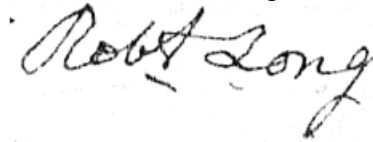
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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared in open Court Robert Long⁴ who being duly sworn says that he knows the applicant Ellis Cheek and well knows that he was with the militia troops which went to the relief of Charleston in 1780. This he [is] certain of as this deponent was with the troops at the same time.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ Robt. Long



South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came before me Ellis Cheek who being duly sworn as the law directs makes the following additional declaration by way of Amendment to his original declaration, made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war as a substitute for one William McDowell in the year 1780 in a company of South Carolina Militia commanded by Captain Charles Saxon and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ McCrary

interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁴ [Robert Long S7157](#)

for a tour of 2 months, which he served out – during this tour, he was marched to Cupboard Creek near Augusta Georgia and remained there for some time – from that place he was marched to reinforce Charleston, which place surrendered before the troop to which he was attached reached that place – he was then marched across Santee [River] where they remained for some time and was then disbanded: He received no written discharge – He next volunteered and served a tour of 2 months under the command of Captain John Thomson in the year 1781 and was attached to the command of Lieutenant Colonel Fair [William Farr] and was stationed the greater part of the time at Ancrum's now Granby on the Congaree River, being occasionally sent out in scouting parties. After the Expiration of the tour the Applicant was engaged in another tour of considerable length, the precise term of which he does not recollect, acting as a Ranger under the command of Captain Thomson and during this time was in the engagement at Thomson's Fort, also at the Battle of the Cowpens under General Morgan. He was engaged in this way scouting the Country more than 12 months.

He was again drafted and served a tour of 2 months near the close of the war, but does not recollect the precise time, under Captain Lewis Duval in the command of Major John Ford. He was marched to Bacons Bridge in South Carolina and after the Expiration of his term of service was permitted to return home but received no written discharge.

The deponent further swears that in consequence of old age and the failure of his memory he cannot designate with more particularity the tours of service performed by him the times of entering and leaving the service the officers under whom he served that he has done above and he also swears that he served including his regular tour of duty and in ranging & scouring the Country more than one year and 4 months.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 10th of February 1834.

S/ Ellis Cheek, X his mark

S/ Ira Arnold, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Elias Cheeck [sic] (Cheat, Ellice) AA5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1214
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[No.] 2781

No. 112

[Book] X

15 May 86 [1786]

Elias Cheeck [sic]

For Militia Duty in Brandon's Regiment since the fall of Chs ton [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting

to [old South Carolina] Currency

£169.0.0

Sterling

£24.2.10 ¼

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 20 February 88 full satisfaction for this Account in an Indent 2780 1X

S/ Zach Bullock

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zach Bullock". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slightly blurred.

To the Commissioners of the Treasury Gentlemen/.

Please to Deliver all my Indents to Major Zach Bullock and you'll Greatly Oblige Your
Humble Servant

23rd December 1787

S/ Ellis Cheek, X his mark