

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Elsey S8404
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Elsey Thomas (Elsey by signature, Elzey by a witness) VA S8404

(p2) State of Ohio
County of Pickaway

On the tenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two
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(p5) State of Ohio

Fairfield County Personally appeared before the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, now in session, Thomas Elsey, a resident of Violet Township in said county aged seventy three years, 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 August 7, 1832.

That he was born in the state of Maryland on the 16th day of May AD1760 as he believes and as appears from a written record in his possession and which was transcribed by him his Father's family Bible, That he removed with his Father while yet a child to Fauquier County [Fauquier County] in the state of Virginia from whence at the age of ten years he again removed to Augusta County state last aforesaid- That in the County last aforesaid he entered into the service of the United States on or about the 1st day of September A.D.1780 in a company commanded by Captain McGill for a term of eighteen months where he remained until said term was completed. He so entered and served as a substitute for one Benjamin Irvin who had been drafted for a less term, but in consequence, as deponent understood, of an attempt to evade the service by concealment, had his term enlarged to that of eighteen months as aforesaid. The said Company during said period of times was attached to the Virginia Regiment in Virginia State Regiment which was commanded by Gen. Nelson, Col Charles Dabner [Charles Dabney] & Major Brown. From Fauquier County, the plan of entering the service he marched to Alexandria, and stationed a short time at Falmouth, York, Hampton, and Norfolk respectively- When the Army of Lord

(p6) Cornwallis was about entering Yorktown, deponent fell in with the American forces at a place called the Point of Fork and marched down to the siege of the town- He was in several of the skirmishes that ensued and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, acting under the command of Nelson. After the surrender aforesaid he was joined to the detachment that conducted the prisoners to Winchester where he remained as one of the guards till the end of his aforesaid term of 18 months-

In March AD1782 and immediately on being discharged as above, he accepted a proposition from John Dennison to serve as a substitute for him in a drafted company commanded by Capt. Mann, which Dennison had been drafted for a term of six months – He accordingly entered the service of the United States in the said company at Richmond, where he was stationed and served out the said term of six months, Thomas Fletcher was the orderly sergeant- General officers as before.

In November AD1782 on being discharged from the above service, he agreed with one Benjamin Phillips to serve as a substitute for him at York in a company commanded by Captain

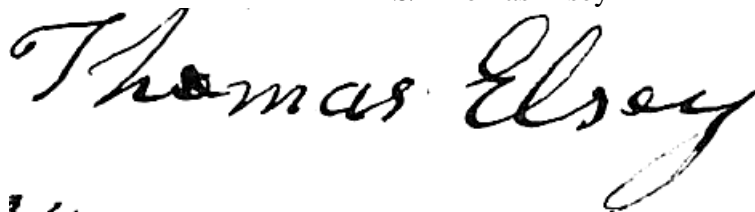
Crump and Lieutenants Wyot and Slaughter- Said Phillips was enlisted to serve during the continuence (sic) of the War, and being sickly, this deponent took his place on receiving a certain compensation. He, this deponent continued in the service as aforesaid at York until the termination of the war, in the spring of the year 1782 when he was regularly discharged.

That he received a written discharge signed and delivered him by Capt. Crump which was since lost – perhaps 30 or 40 years ago, not supposing it would ever be of any value to him.

That he has no documentary evidence of (p7) of (sic) his aforesaid services, nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove the same, other than the certificates herewith presented.

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 any agency of any state to his knowledge.

S/ Thomas Elzey



Sworn to and subscribed.
This 1st day of March 1834
Attest : M.Z.Kreider Clk.

[routine county supporting testimony and certification]
Elijah Spurgeon, clergy
Thomas Simms Esq, Elias Williams, Patrick Elzey neighbors
M.Z.Kreider, Clerk
More statements before William Patterson, J.P.

(p14) a certificate by Ohio governor Robert Lucas that William Patterson is an official justice of the peace.

(p47) State of Ohio

Athens County Before me A.G.Brown a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid personally came Thomas Hudnall¹ of Alexander Township in said county, late a soldier of the Revolutionary Army, in Capt. Ambrose Buchannan's Co, Col Harmon's Artillery Regt Virginia Line: who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says, that during the time hw was in the service he was acquainted with Edward Elzey, who was a soldier in what was called the Virginia Legion, particularly while the army was engaged in the siege of York Town; That at the close of the war the said Edward Elzey married a cousin of this deponent's wife; that during the siege a brother of the deponent's wife named William Stricker, was wounded by a cannon ball in his shoulder; that he does not now recollect being personally acquainted with Thomas Elzey, the brother of the said Edward Elzey; though he firmly believes and has no doubt from circumstances related to him by the said Thomas Elzey that he must have been a soldier of said Legion with said Edward Elzey, and present likewise at said siege of York Town in the year 1781, particularly from his being acquainted with the circumstances and the manner in which

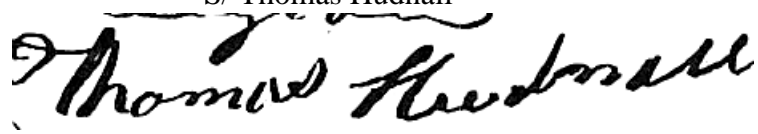
¹ [Thomas Hudnall S41664](#)

said W^m Stricker received his wound; that the said Thomas Elzey has correctly detailed to him this deponent the names of the Commissary, Daniel Triplett, Sergeant Joseph Sesslong (?) of the Horse Corps

(p48) Cap^t Kitrone (?) and a number of the other officers and privates and many other minute circumstances of the service which he is convinced the said Thomas Elzey could not do after the length of time that has intervened unless he had been personally present & engaged in the service during the years 1780, 1781, & 1782. That he does not recollect ever to have seen or known anything of the said Thomas Elzey from the period aforesaid until the present occasion of his applying to this deponent for his affidavit as to his knowledge & recollections respecting his services; that he cannot now state anything more positive on the subject than the foregoing,

_____ of his entire confidence & firm belief from the circumstances brought to his mind, that the said Thomas Elzey was a soldier of the Revolution in the Virginia Militia & State Legion

S/ Thomas Hudnall

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Hudnall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the beginning of the word "Thomas".

[routine county certification]