

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Elliott S8410 VA
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State of Virginia (to wit)

On this 12th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Jno. Pritchett a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid, John Elliott a resident of said County and State aforesaid Eighty five 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 Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. that he was drafted in the year 1776 for six months, that he was stationed at Alexandria near where he then resided three months in a Company of Militia under the Command of Captain Clark Paine in the Regiment which was commanded by Major Broadwater and Colo. Gilpin employed the whole time in building Barracks. we were then mached out of Alexandria moved principally up and down the Potomac River untill our term of six months service expired. it was expected during the time of this service that Governor Dunmore would endeavor to get into Alexandria, I was discharged by Captain Paine, at what time I cannot say. I am old and my memory somewhat impaired, but know that I served on this tour not less than six months as a private, my discharge is lost and cannot be found. I do not know any person living that was in that service with me but my Brother William Eliott know that I entered the service and was stationed at Alexandria &c.

About the first of January 1779 I was again drafted for Eighteen months and ordered to march to the South. I marched from the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia in a Company of Militia under the command of Captain Lun Washington [Lund Washington] and Lieutenant Charles Broadwater, in the same Regiment which was commanded by Major Broadwater and Colo. Gilpin, we went through Dumfriest [sic: Dumfries], crossed James and Roanoke Rivers passed through North Carolina entered the state of South Carolina and were Stationed at Charlestown for eight or ten months, then marched out in various directions in the said state of South Carolina in search of tories, took some of them and drove many others from their homes we were regularly marching in this way for about two months we then entered the State of North Carolina and marched in various directions not being stationed Long at any one place untill we entered the State of Virginia again and marched to Dumfriest, and were stationed at that place until our term of service expired. I was discharged by Captain Washington, in the month of July 1780 having served on this tour one year and six months as a private, my discharge is lost or mislaid and cannot be found. I do not remember any man living that was with me in that service.

I was born in the County of Fairfax in the state of Virginia in the year 1748. my age was recorded in a family Bible that was carried away by some one of my Fathers Children and cannot tell what became of it I lived in the County of Fairfax when I entered the Service of the Revolution. I lived in that County two years after the War ended. Then moved to the County of Pittsylvania and have lived in that County ever since

I was drafted twice

The Officers and cumstances of my service are stated in my declaration the no. of the Regiment I cannot recollect

I received two discharges given by Captain Paine and Captain Washington both are lost

Colo Thomas Ragsdale Benjamin Watkins the Reved Richard Beck and many others can testify as to my Character for Veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution

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 John hisXmark Elliott

This day William Elliott of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in the said County and State aforesaid and made Oath, that in the year 1776 he resided in the County of Fairfax Va and that his Brother John Elliott lived in the said County and was

drafted as a Militia Soldier and was at Alexandria in the service of the Revolution how long he does not know. That some time after that in the year 1779 he removed to the County of Pittsylvania and left his Brother John Elliott in the said County of Fairfax and that he heard that he the said John Elliott entered the Army of the Revolution again, that soon after the end of the War the said John Elliott came to the County of Pittsylvania and settled in the same neighbourhood with him and that he has frequently heard him speak of his having served in the revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 12th Octo 1832