

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Elliot (Elliott) S8411

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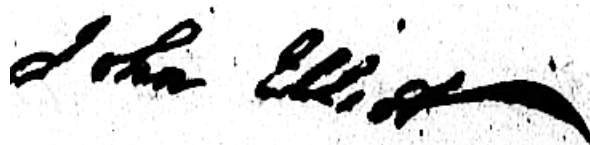
State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 28th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State aforesaid -- Being a Court of record -- John Elliot, resident in the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid aged about Seventy years, on the 10th day of March last past, 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.

That he entered the Service of the United States, and served as he states -- to wit -- That he entered the Service and the 1780 in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain James Knox. That he entered the service as a volunteer for three months. Served about one month, was taken sick and left the service. That he afterwards entered the Service in the company of Infantry, in the County of Mecklenburg & State aforesaid commanded by Captain Jonathan Potts and also in Captain John Sharp's Company and served out the remainder of the three months. He afterwards entered the Service as a volunteer, in the County of Mecklenburg, State of North Carolina, in the Company Commanded by Captain William Hutchison¹ and 1781 Colonel William Polk's Regiment, and served 10 months -- That he served the 10 months as Orderly Sergeant. That he received no discharge. That he was in several skirmishes, first at a place called "Juniper Spring," [June 18, 1781] South Carolina -- second at a place called the "White Church," [perhaps the engagement at St. James Goose Creek Church, July 15, 1781] South Carolina Third, at a place called "Strawberry Plains" [July 16, 1781] That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & Subscribed the day & date above.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ John Elliott



S/ B. Oates, D. C.

¹ Hutchinson recruited men to join the South Carolina 10-Month State Troops under Polk and Thomas Sumter, but did not serve actually in that capacity in that unit. The men he recruited were placed under the command of either Samuel Martin or Nathaniel M. Martin in Polk's Regiment.

Questions put by the Court To the Applicant John Elliot for a Pension

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina

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

Ans: I was born in the year 1763 March 10th from a Record I have seen in my Fathers Bible; but I don't now know where it is.

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

Ans: I lived then, in Mecklenburg County North Carolina since then I have lived 10 or 11 years in Lincoln County North Carolina, and says that in Mecklenburg County, where I now live.

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

Ans: I entered as a volunteer.

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

Ans: Wade Hampton & William Polk or two among the officers -- and their regiments, by Services were in the State of South Carolina

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

Ans: I never did receive one in writing -- we were promised a Negro, and a discharge was then to be given -- But I received neither

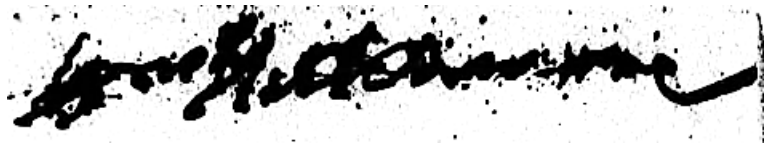
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Andrew Berry, William Lucky, John D. Smith William Boyles and Abram Scott S/ Isaac Alexander, Clerk of Mecklenburg County Court

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William Hutchinson² swears that John Elliot whose name is signed to the above Declaration, was in the Service in the Revolutionary war, as he states -- as to the 10 months Service, as Orderly Sergeant. That he served in the company commanded by himself as Captain May 27th 1833

S/ Wm Hutchison



Robert Kerr³ swears, that John Elliot, signed the foregoing Declaration was a Revolutionary Soldier that he served the time he states, in the companies of Captain James Knox and Captain Jonathan Potts That he was in the same Service with him and in Captain John Sharp's Company of Infantry.

S/ Rob Carr

² [William Hutchison \(Hutchinson\) W10133](#)

³ [Robert Carr \(Kerr\) S8778](#)



[John Williamson, clergyman, and Robert Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this day personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice of the peace in and for the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina William Alexander⁴ Senior who after being duly sworn saith that he once knew a man by the name of John Elliot who resided in Mecklenburg County North Carolina That he is now blind and cannot see but from the voice he believes him to be the same John Elliot who was in the Revolutionary War. That he knows the company commanded by Captain William Hutchison was in Colonel William Polk's Regiment. Sworn to & subscribed before me the [date obliterated] of March 1834
S/ Dan Alexander JP

S/ Wm Alexander

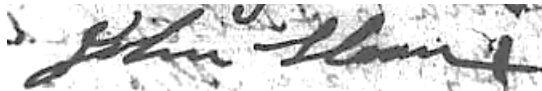


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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This 5th day of March 1834 personally appeared Col. John Sloan of said Mecklenburg County and made oath that he has been long acquainted with W. Alexander who signed the within certificate (as to Capt. William Hutchinson's Company in the Revolutionary War, belonging to Col. William Polk's Regiment) and states that he is a respectable man and entitled to full faith and credit. That he is the same man now draws a pension as a Capt. from our County [sic, Country].

S/ John Sloan



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$85 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sgt. for 13 months in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Elloit
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2206

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Gentlemen

Please send by Thomas Polk [paper damaged and text missing] Negro draw With any

⁴ [William Alexander S6496](#)

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.

other thing [paper damaged and text missing] be Coming to me & this shall be a full Receipt from me for ten months Service in South Carolina in Colonel Will Polk's Regiment as Sergeant To the Commissioners

S/ Jno. Elliott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jno. Elliott", with a flourish extending to the left. The signature is somewhat faded and has a grainy texture.

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 535 Book M dated first of October 1784 "delivered to Mr. John Elliott late Sergeant in S. Martin's [Samuel Martin's] Troop, Polk's [Lt. Col. William Polk's] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of One hundred and seventeen pounds ten Shillings Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury, Thomas Polk, John Elliott, Philip Hart and Adam Ewing.]