

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Elms (Ellam)¹ S8413

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this 7th day of December 1821 before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for the said county of Mecklenburg personally appeared Charles Elms who on his oath declared that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Rhodes in the Regiment commanded by Col. Jethro Sumner in the service of the United States. That his name was placed on the pension roll of North Carolina but has never rec'd a formal certificate and now wants to receive one. Sworn to and subscribed on this the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm. Davidson, JP

S/ Charles Elms, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of statements

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Charles Elmes [sic] a private Soldier in Captain Rhodes' Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the __ day of __ 1781 for the term of twelve months, and that it is said of him on said rolls, Time out 12 April 1782.

Given under my hand this 30th day of January 1852.

S/ W. Hill, Secretary of State

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State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by the said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Charles Elms

Book A, No. 11, page 61

£19 S2 D3 specie

“ AA, page 124 Pay as a private soldier

April 20, 1779 and interest to

August 1, 1783

£66 S6 D5 specie--

Statement B of Commissioners to settle accounts of non-commissioned officers of the N C Line, pay for services as private eight months and eighteen

¹ See this veteran's supporting affidavit in [William Thompson S30731](#)

days in 1781

\$63 63/100

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office
this fifth day of February A.D. 1852

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

No. 38306 Charles Elms Dec'd N.C. Act 7 June 1832 Adur.[?] 2 yrs for \$80 per annum, Comg
4 March 1831 & ending 1st January 1836 payable to John, Ezekiel, Wm. W., Rebecca & Lucretia
Elms, only Living children.

Col. J. Y. Bryant, Present

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Be it known, That on this 8th day of November A.D. 1851 before the undersigned a Justice of the
Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William W Elms a resident
of Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg, and made oath in due form of law that he is the son
[of] Charles Elms who made application for a pension and was allowed at the rate of __ per
annum, That he has been informed that said pension ought to be increased, that he is directly
interested as a claimant in said pension, and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional
evidence or arguments as my Agent may use in prosecuting said Claim.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Wm Hunter, JP

S/ W. W. Elms



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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Be it hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited before me Bruly Oates
clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid, at my Office,
that Charles Elms late of said County was a Revolutionary Pensioner at the rate of __ per annum,
and that he died on the 5th day of January 1835 leaving no widow surviving him but left the
following named children viz.: John, Ezekiel, Rebecca, Lucinda, and William W Elms – who are
the only surviving children of the aforesaid Charles Elms.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 8th
day of November A.D. 1851

S/ B. Oates, Clerk etc.

[p 9: Note reading:

"Charles Ellam [sic] Private of the United States Army
Inscribed on the roll of the North Carolina Agency at \$5.60 per month.
Formal certificate issued 28 January 1822 and sent to Isaac Alexander, Esq. at Charlotte, NC"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending
January 6, 1836 [sic].]

J. D. Lewis in his wonderful 3 volume opus listing all the NC soldiers he was able to identify
who participated in the Revolution has this additional information regarding this veteran:

Charles Elms was a soldier in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment and fought at the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777]. "[On] 10/28/1776, [he was] a Private under Capt. Jacob Turner for 2 ½ years. After Capt. Turner was killed, he was under Capt. Kedar Ballard. He lost an eye in the battle of Germantown, PA. [On] 9/9/1778, a known Private under Capt. Clement Hall (2nd North Carolina Regiment). Discharged on 5/1/1779. [In] 1781, a Private under Capt. Joseph T Rhodes (4th North Carolina Regiment) for 12 months. Discharged on 4/12/1782. When enlisted, lived in Bute County (now Warren County) North Carolina. Later lived in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina a.k.a. Charles Elloms, Charles Ellums, Charles Elmes."

[Note: There is also additional information regarding this veteran posted at <http://files.usgwarchives.net/nc/mecklenburg/military/revwar/pensions/chelms01.txt> (viewed 12/29/14)]