

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Pope S8888

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State of North Carolina Wake County August Session 1833

This day personally appeared Elisha Pope in open Court & being first duly sworn, maketh the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed 7 of June 1832. That he was raised in Nash County this State -- That he went a three months tour in the horse in the year 1781 -- under Howel Ellen [?] -- that this was just after Lord Cornwallis passed through the County & crossed the Roanoke [River] at Halifax -- that he was in the County light horse & duly served in scouts -- after Tories -- that they caught several & carried them to Halifax. Joseph J. Clinch had the command of the Light Horse -- that he served three months -- That if he got a discharge it is now lost -- That he went another tour of three months in the horse, shortly after the first tour under Captain John Bandner [?] -- as a substitute for his Brother Demsey Pope [sic, Dempsey Pope ?]-- That they only performed County service against the Tories -- served the full three months -- was in no regular engagements -- Clinch was the Colonel -- that this service was at the time he heard of the capture of Cornwallis --

To the several interrogatories as read to him from the war department -- he answers -- 1. That he was born in 1761 in what was then Edgecombe County.

2. That there was a record of his age, but it has been destroyed --

3. That when he enlisted -- he lived in Nash County -- that after the war he removed into Wake County -- where he has ever since lived --

4. That he volunteered the first tour of 3 months -- & went as a substitute the last tour -- that he recollects the name of his Lieutenant William Merrit -- that he does not recollect any other officers except as above named.

5. & 6. If he ever received a discharge it is lost. That he knows of no one by whom he can prove his service except his Brother -- =

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on any pension roll whatever.

S/ Elisha Pope

[Henry Warren, a minister of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit. William Holloway gave a concurring affidavit.]

Nash County North Carolina: Whereas Dempsey Pope a citizen of Nash County after being sworn &c touching what he knows Respecting one Elisha Pope who now lives in Wake County North Carolina, deponent saith, as follows -- Some time a little before the close of said War he the said Elisha Pope did serve three months for himself under Captain Howel Ellen commanded by Colonel Joseph J. Clinch and that he served a tour of three months more being hired by me,

the said Dempsey Pope which makes his whole Term of Service 6 months under Captain Howel Ellen & John Bonds in the horse Companies & that the said Elisha Pope did sustain & unimpeached & an unimpeachable character as a True & faithful Soldier of the revolution and further the deponent saith not, Given under his hand &c

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Jesse H. Drake, at JP

S/ Dempsey Pope, X his mark

State of North Carolina Wake County

This 11th day of November 1833 personally appeared before me Benjamin Rogers one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid, Elisha Pope in said County & State aforesaid being first duly sworn maketh the following Declaration on oath in a way of amendatory [sic] to the accompanying declaration & Certificate in order to obtain the Benefit of the Pension of the Acct. [sic, Act] of Congress passed 7th of June 1833 -- That he was raised in Nash County this State -- that he was called out as a Soldier in the Revolutionary war in the service of the United States and that he served in a regular Embodied Corps of the Horse Company 3 months in the year 1781 under Howell Ellin [sic] Captain that this was just after Lord Cornwallis passed through the County & crossed the Roanoke at Halifax -- that he was in the County light horse and served another Tower of 3 months in a Regular imbodyed [sic] Corps in the Service of the United States = Joseph J. Clinch Colonel then had at that time the Command of the light Horse to which body he served in the Second Tower of 3 months -- That if he got a discharge it is now lost but served in the first Tower 3 months & 2nd Tower 3 months making the whole service for the time he served 6 months -- sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above written.

S/ Benjamin Rogers, JP

S/ Elisha Pope

[Facts in file: veteran died August 18, 1838]