

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Elzey W3531 Sarah Elzey f38VA
Transcribed by Fred Weyler 3/23/13

Elzey William (Sarah) VA W3531

(p2) West Tennessee Certificate 19.064 R in Franklin County
William Elzey was Sgt in ~~Georgia~~ V^a Company of Capt Lane, Regt of Col Elbert for 3 years
\$8/mo issued 10Sep1823 sent to Wm P Lawrence Esq, McMinnville

(p3) Pulaski Tennessee certificate for Sarah Elzey, widow, \$20//annum beginning 30Sep1851
Issued 01April [year beyond right margin] sent to G. W. Buchanan, Shelbyville

(p5) It is as ordered by the court that the application of William Elzey for a pension as a soldier
and officer in the revolutionary war be entered of record which is in the words and figures
following to wit,

State of Tennessee

Warrant County 3rd

District Court

On the 15th day of September 1821

personally appeared in open court being a court of record

For said court and county William Elzey 63 years old resident of Franklin County Tennessee
who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order
to obtain the provisions made by the late act of congress entitled an act to provide for certain
~~xxxxxxx~~ persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary
war. That the said William Elzey enlisted for the term of three years on the ___ day of August or
September 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Lane,
afterward, by Captain Elisha Miller of the Second Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel
Samuel Elbert on the continental establishment. That he served about one year as orderly
sergeant and was then advanced to Ensign then to Lieutenant. That he served in ~~the town of~~
~~Savannah~~ said corps or in the service of the United States three years when he was discharged
from service in the town of Savannah in the State of Georgia as well as he now recollects. That
he was in the battle of Amelia Island, at the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779]
and the battle of Brier Creek [March 3, 1779] and was taken prisoner at Col McIntoshes
[Lachlan McIntosh's] in Darien. That he was wounded in the leg

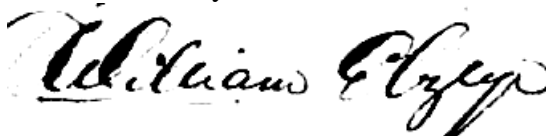
(p6) at the battle of Midway that in several other skirmishes and that he is reduced circumstances
and stands in need of the assistance of his country for a support. And that he has no other
evidence in his power except the proof herewith in closed. And that I Do Solemnly Swear that I
was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 And that I have not
since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof so to
diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to
provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the
Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 And that I have not nor has any person
in trust for me any property or securities as debts due me nor have I any income other than what
is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed –

Schedule

Real Estate none, personal estate none, debts owed and leaving him \$25 being the balance of a note of forty dollars.

Said claimant's family consists as follows to wit, my wife Sarah upwards of fifty years of age frail and unable to do much three daughters unmarried Nancy about 18 years of age Elizabeth 16 years of age Rebeca 14 years of age slender and weakly three sons Abraham 10 or 11 years of age Ria 8 or 9 years of age John seven years of age

S/ William Elzey



Sworn to and subscribed in open court

The 15th day of September 1821

P. Henderson clk

[routine county certification by Pleasant Henderson, clerk, and Nath W Williams, judge]

(p8 details extracted, no military information therein)

Widow Sarah Elzey's declaration in Marshall Co TN 11Aug1852, age 83 on 20Aug next for benefit of act of 29Jul1848. Wm was pensioner from act of 07Jun1832 at \$120/ann also states \$96/an. Book E Vol 7 p 89. Married 04 Feb 1799 in Hawkins Co TN. Wm Elzey died 30Sep1851. Asa Holland J.P. had been doing pension administration for ten years and went to the infirmed widow's home for deposition.

(p14) 13Sep1821 John Newman of Rutherford Co TN wit; that he served with Elzey

(p18) 15Jun1835 in Lincoln Co TN, Elzey brought more evidence to support an increase in pension from act of 07Jun1832. Named 2d Regt of Georgia regulars.

(p20) William Anderson appeared in Davidson Co TN stating that he served with Wm Elzey confirming as Elzey had stated and injecting Captain Cunnigan as an officer. 14Dec1822

(p29) Elzey claims he was paid \$12/mo in service. Desires pension increased from \$8/mo. 26Mar1839.

(p37 extract)

Warren Co TN 24Dec1822.

Enlisted in Fairfax Co Va for 3 yrs in Sep1776.

Rendezvoused in Loudon Co VA under Capt Lane at Newgate, marched to Georgia, attached to 2d Regt under Col Elbert of the line of S Car & Ga. Elbert promoted to Genl, Col McIntosh became Col. In Jul1777 commission by Col Elbert to ensign at Eightsboro Ga. In Mar1778 was made Lieutenant by Maj Gen Elbert at Fort Barrington. Then moved to company of Ga Capt Cunningham. Co & regt expedition to East Florida. Took Browns Fort on St Marys at Brier Creek. Then served as captain of a company without commission. Was paid as Sgt and Lt, never as captain. Moved from Maryland to Kentucky (before statehood) and lost discharge papers.

Supplemented by Will Graves 3/24/13

[p 11: family register

Jan [illegible] 1759 William Elzey Senior was born

[illegible] Sarah his Wife was born

July 29 1801 William Elzey his son was born

[illegible] Mary Elzey was born

[illegible] Sarah Elzey was born

July 8, 1805 Ann Elzey was born
[illegible] 1806 Elizabeth was born
[illegible] Abraham was born
[illegible] Rebecker was born March 24, 1809
[illegible] Rice was born
[illegible] John Elzey was born June 19, 1814

Deaths

Elizabeth Ritter Died August 8th 1841 [could be 1847]

Marriages

William Elzey Senior was married February the 4th 1799
Jane Elzey was Born the 27d of January 1820
Jane Elzey and James Thompson Was married 11th June 1845

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: County Court

This 13th day of September in the year while Lord 1821, came John Newman¹ of said County in open court, the same being a Court of record, and made oath, that he served with William Elzey a Sergeant in Captain Lane's Company attached to the 2nd Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert in the years 1777 & 1778, and that the deponent was taken a prisoner by the British at the taking of the Town of Savannah in Georgia on the 29th day of November in said year 1778, after which time he saw Elzey no more until lately.

S/ John Newman, X his mark

Sworn to in Open Court 13th September 1821.

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: Be it known that before me E. G. Buchanan Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Elzey and made oath in due form of law that he is the identical William Elzey named in the original pensioned Certificate which he has this day exhibited before me numbered 19.065 and bearing date at the war office the 10th day of September 1823 & by J C Calhoun, Secretary of War – That he served as Sergeant in the 2nd Regiment of Virginia Regulars during the Revolutionary War under the command of Colonel Elbert – that he served in said Regiment as Sergeant, Ensign & Lieutenant for the space of between three and four years – that he now resides in Lincoln County Tennessee – that he is informed that he is entitled to an increase of his pension under the act of June 7th 1832 which he respectfully request may be allowed him and that for a more particular account of his services he would refer to the original application for a pension & to the proof there with a adduced now on file in the War Department.

Sworn to & subscribed this 15th day of June 1835

S/ W. Elzey

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State of Tennessee Davidson County: This day came before us William Anderson and Sampson Prowell two Acting Justices of the Peace for said County Daniel Loflin² and after being duly

¹ [John Newman S25329](#)

² I could not find a veteran by this name in either the Federal or Virginia pension records. This affidavit MAY be the only record evidence of this service in the Revolution.

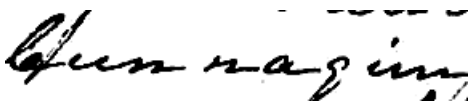
sworn the deponent saith on his oath that he was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution war of the second Georgia Regiment commanded by Colonel Elbert of the Continental establishment and that he knew William Elzey in Captain Lane's company in the year 1777 – 1778 who acted as a Sergeant for said company and I did solemnly know him to be there a soldier in said company and likeways in the year 1779, in which turn of time I knew the said William Elzey to be promoted to the different grades in office in said company first as an orderly Sergeant, then an Ensign then a Lieutenant in the year 1778 at Fort Barrington then attached to Captain Cunnagim ³[Cunningham?] still continuing in the said Regiment & fought with the said William Elzey in the autumn at Savannah in the year 1778 and December the 29 day and then and there he fought in said action and were a Lieutenant and wore the Appalit [epaulet] and carried the Sword in which I knew him to be the identical man that did serve in the revolution war and the said William Elzey was regularly Discharged from said Regiment agreeable to law – Subscribed and sworn to before us on the 14th day of December 1822

S/ Daniel Loflin, X his mark

[pp. 37-38]

State of Tennessee Warren County: This day came before ~~me~~-us Jesse Coffee and Edmund Kersey two acting Justices of the peace of said County William Elzey and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Army in the month of September 1776 for three years in Fairfax County Virginia and rendezvoused at Loudoun County Virginia under Captain Lane at Newgate marched to Georgia and was attached to the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel Elbert in the Line of South Carolina & Georgia. Colonel Elbert was afterwards a General and the Regiment [indecipherable word or words]⁴ by Colonel McIntosh that he said Elzey served as a private or orderly Sergeant in Captain Lane's Company till July 1777 when he was commissioned and Ensign by Colonel Elbert at Rightsboro [Wrightborough] Georgia. That he served in the capacity of an Ensign in Captain Lane's Company until March 1778, when he was commissioned a Lieutenant by Major General Robert How [Robert Howe] at Fort Barrington as he well recollects that his Commission was signed by that name, that he was then removed to the company commanded by Captain Cunningham and served under him as Lieutenant in the same Regiment in an expedition against East Florida and took (Burntfoot) Brown's [Thomas Brown] rights by Fort on the St. Mary's [River] and at Brier Creek was in the engagement – That he said Elzey afterwards acted as Captain and commanded a Company but never received a commission only a brevet said Elzey further saith that he received his pay as orderly Sergeant till about July 1777 when he received an Ensign's pay, till he was promoted to Lieutenant and that he then ever after till his discharge receive the pay of a Lieutenant, and that he served his country faithfully better than 2 years as a commissioned officer – and further said Elzey saith that he kept his commissions and discharge in his possession 10 or 12 years, after the war, and until he moved from Maryland to Kentucky (before it was ace State) that he left his papers with his family and have not since seen or heard of them and supposed them to be entirely lost and destroyed and further this deponent saith not.

S/ William Elzey

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