

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Thomas Elliott: W4190

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Georgia} On this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
Wilton County} eight hundred & twenty eight, personally appeared in open Court (being
a court of record for the Western Circuit of said) Thomas Elliott who resides in the County
aforesaid aged seventy three years after being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath
make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of
the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Thomas Elliott enlisted for the
term of three years the day not recollected, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven
in the State of Maryland in the Company commanded by Captain John Smith in the regiment
commanded by Colonel John Stewart (or Steward) in the line of the state of Maryland on the
army continental establishment. that he continued to that he continued to serve in the said
corps untill Gate' defeat in South Carolina [Battle of Camden where Gen. Horatio Gates was
defeated, 16 Aug 1780], where he was taken prisoner & carried to Charleston put on Board a
prison ship called Viper and was afterward put on Board the Estual[?] Frigate of 38 Guns and
shiped to Ireland hand cuffed and after remaining there eight or nine months, was reshiped to
Charleston & exchanged; there joined General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene's] army in the
third Maryland regiment under the command of Col. John Stewart (or Steward) in Majr
Egleston's Battallion & under the immediate command of Captain Francis Revieliers [sic:
Revelly] and served untill the termination of War. When he was discharged from the service
upon James Island joining Charleston in the State of South Carolina; that he hereby
relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on any
other State except Maryland, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier
application for a pension;

first, that he was unwilling to place himself upon the pension list as long as he could through
his feeble exertions obtain a sufficiency for a support;

Second; that he is now deprived of the blessing of eyesight in so much that he is disabled from
applying his nearly exhausted strenght to the support of himself & aged companion;

And this declarant further states that he is a farmer by occupation and that from the loss of
eyesight, together with the palsey he is unable longer to pursue that occupation, that none of
family resides with him except his wife who is one year older than himself.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May eighteen hundred & twenty, I do solemnly swear
that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March eighteen
hundred & eighteen, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner
disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent so 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th of
March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities,
contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the
schedule annexed, and by me subscribed

Viz. 1 sorrel Mare worth thirty dollars
1 Cow & Calf worth twelve dollars
1 one year old yearling worth three dollars
2 pewter dishes & six plates worth two Dollars & fifty cts
1 axe worth one dollar
1 pair [illegible word] worth one dollar
1 weeding hoe worth 75 cts.
1 pot worth seventy cents

That since the 18th of May 1818 the following changes have been made in my property

1 Grey mare & filly stolen from me
1 Cow & two heifers stolen from me
1 Gray horse sold to Mausam[?] Glass for twenty five dollars & the money applied to the

payment of rent

1 Cow killed for meat

1 Cow killed for meat year following.

The above is a fair exhibit of all the property which I now have and has had for the last ten years, and the changes it has underwent for that length of time bedding & necessary clothing excepted.

NOTE: On 29 Oct 1847 in Floyd County GA Nancy Duke, 64, applied for arrears of pension due to her mother, Abigail Elliott, widow of Thomas Elliott. She stated that she was their only living child, that they were married before 1788, that Thomas Elliott died 12 May 1836, and her mother died 10 Jan 1843. According to a typed summary, Abigail Elliott died in Carroll County GA, and she had had another child besides Nancy.