

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Elwell W7096

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State of Ohio } SS

Knox County }

Personally appeared before me John H. Milford one of the Judges of the court of common please for said county – Thomas Elwell, who being sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that from information through his parents he is in his sixty seventh year of age, and that he was a soldier of the American Revolutionary war, that he was enlisted for during the war, and served to the close of it. That when he was Discharged he was discharged from the Pennsylvania artillery and as an artificer in that corps. that in the latter part of March last or some of the first days of April last, he the Deponant forwarded his discharge to the City of Washington to the care of William H Beard, of said city, and the Deponant saith that he is the same Thomas Elwell named in his discharge which he forwarded to the aforesaid William H. Beard – and further the Deponant deposeth and saith, That from age and his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support – further the Deponant saith not
[signed 9 Jun 1818] Thomas Elwell

THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof Thomas Elwell Matross in the Corps of Artillery artificers, having faithfully served the United States one year seven months and twenty nine days and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war office the 29th August 1783

By order of the secretary at war, B Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

[signed] Jos. Carlson Secy

War office, 1783.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the bearer as a discharge, until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough. B. LINCOLN.

State of Ohio } Supreme Court of the State of Ohio, in and for the County of Knox Term of 1820
Knox County } in and for the said County, On the 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record in pursuance of the constitution and laws of said state of Ohio, Thomas Elwell Aged sixty nine years resident in said County of Knox, who being first Duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath Declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, towit, two years in Capt. Wm. Darks Company [sic: William Darke's company raised in Berkeley County VA] of the 8th Reg't. of the virginia line under my first Enlistment. I then Enlisted for three years in the same Reg't. and served that Term out. I then enlisted for during the War and was soon after attached to the [illegible word] of the Pennsylvania line and served till the Termination of the War as an Artificer, and received an honorable discharge from that Corps which has been forwarded to the War Department with my former Declaration. the Date of my original Declaration is on or about the 9th day of June 1818. The number of my pension Certificate under the Act of 18th March 1818 is 1048 – And 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 with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged 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 contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the

Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, towit,
100 Acres land granted by Congress for Revolutionary Services being Lot 1 Sec. 3.7.9 in R. 12 U.S. Military tract – Said land lies in the woods totally unimproved and is unproductive. One Cow and one 2 year old Heifer
Thomas Elwell

I furthermore swear that my occupation is a Cooper, but am unable to Labour being badly ruptured, and otherwise very infirm by reason of old age &c.

My family residing with me are as follows: my wife being 58 years of age, she is unable to Labour much in consequence of being afflicted with the Rheumatism

My son Thomas Elwell Jr. is able to support himself.

Daughter Mary is 18 years of age is able to support herself

Daughter Sarah is 15 years of age and is able to support herself

Daughter Elizabeth 13 years of age is not able to support herself but is dependant on me for support
"signed" Thomas Elwell

NOTES:

A size roll recorded at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 has the following data: Tho's. Elwell/ age 29/ height 5 7½/ Cooper/ born in Salem NJ/ residing in Bartley/ brown hair/ dark eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted for the war in Sep 1780 at Chesterfield.

On 6 Aug 1844 Elizabeth Elwell, "eighty years past," applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Elwell "near the line of Frederick and Baltimore... between Christmas and New years" in 1786, and he died 21 May 1825. As proof of marriage she submitted a copy of a family record kept by her son-in-law, Nelson Dean, and transcribed below. On 4 Sep 1848 Elizabeth Elwell applied for a pension under a later act, stating that she had lived in Pike Township of Fairfield County for 37 years, and before then lived in Maryland. On 22 Jan 1852 Hannah Middleton of Fairfield County OH, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Elwell and widow of Nathaniel Middleton, assigned power of attorney to obtain any increase in pension that may have been due to her deceased mother. Another document states that Elizabeth Elwell died 10 Feb 1849, leaving the following children: David Elwell; Mary Deane, wife of Jonathan N. Deane; Sarah Landford, widow of Isaac Landford; Elizabeth Herrin, wife of Frederick Herrin; and Hannah Middleton, widow of Nathaniel Middleton.

Thomas Elwell was born July the 30 1787

David Elwell was born May 15 1789

Deborah Elwell was born June the 23 1791

Jonathan Elwell was born March the 20 1793

Thomas Elwell was born April the 11 1797

Mary Elwell was born April the 15 1801

Sary Elwell was born October the 18 1803

Elizabeth Elwell was born December the 15 1806