

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Elliott W7097

Elizabeth Elliott

VA

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United States of America, District of Virginia, towit,

Before me St. George Tucker District Judge of the United States for the (eastern) District of Virginia, this day personally appeared William Elliott of the County of Gloster [sic: Gloucester], in the District aforesaid, aged sixty six years & upwards, who being by me first duly sworne, according to law, declareth & saith, That he enlisted as a Soldier in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison, in the service of the United States, at Yorktown in the State of Virginia, on or about the twentieth day of December, one thousand seven hundred & seventy six, for the term of three years, and served therein for the said term until duly discharged on the twentieth of December 1779. That during that period he was in the engagement with the British Army at Monmouth in the State of New Jersey in June [28] 1778 and in another engagement under General Sullivan at Rhode Island, in the month of August in the same year [John Sullivan, Quaker Hill, 29 Aug 1778]; that he return'd with the army to New Providence, in the State last mentioned, and staid there with the army until the following Spring; from whence he was march'd to Warwick in the same state; and from thence to the head quarters of the Army of the United States, at Morristown, in the State of New Jersey, where he remained in service until he was discharg'd as before mentioned.

He further says that he is in indigent circumstances; that he own only one hundred and eighty acres of very poor Land in the County of Gloster aforesaid, & none elsewhere; that he doth not possess a single negroe, having had the misfortune to lose all that he possess'd; that he possesses only two work horses, a yoke of steers, and three cows: that he has a wife, two sons, & two daughters who live with him; that his sons, who live with him are about fifteen & twelve years of age respectively, and that their labour, and his own, (when he is able to plough,) are his only means of cultivating his plantation. That from his inability to support his family by his own labour & exertions, being often sick, & confin'd to his house, & sometimes to his Bed, he is compell'd to apply for the aid of his Country, in pursuance of the act of Congress made for the Relief of persons, in similar circumstances: and further he saith not

Given under my hand & Seal at Williamsburg in the District aforesaid this nineteenth day of April 1819 in the forty third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

[signed] SG Tucker

The petitioner respectfully requests to be favoured with an answer directed to the post office at Gloster Court House.

Gloucester County Court October 1821.

On this first day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Gloucester in the state of Virginia made a Court of record by a law of the said State, William Elliott age sixty nine years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows to wit. He enlisted in Capt. William Pearce's [sic: William L. Pierce's] Company of Artillery in the Virginia Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison on Continental establishment sometime in year 1776 and served three years in the said Company and Regiment as a bombardier and at the expiration of the said Term of three years he was discharged from service at Morristown as stated in his original declaration filed in the war office date not recollected and that he has received a pension certificate numbered 15.054. 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 persons 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 bedding excepted to wit

Four head of Cattle worth in the whole.	\$20.—
Eight small hogs worth in the whole.	8.—
Six sheep worth in the whole.	9.—
Two small black Walnut Tables worth the two.	2.—
Six common chairs worth in the whole.	1.50
one pair common andrions worth.
Two Iron pots worth (the two).	1.50
Five common cups & Sawsers worth.25
Two common quart bowls worth.25
one pair of fire Tongs worth.12½
144 acres of land worth.	<u>400.—</u>
	\$441.62½

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia }
 County of Essex } SS.

On this 11th day of Novem’r 1843 personally appeared, before me Thos. H. Pitts a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County Elizabeth Elliott a resident of the aforesaid County of Essex, aged seventy years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled “an act granting half pay, and Pensions to certain widows;” That she is the widow of William Elliott who was a Corporal, in the Army of the Revolution, but that she knows nothing of her own knowledge of his services, All she knows, she heard from him, the said Elliott, after she was married to him, and from other persons who were with him in service, and who are now dead. Nor does she know how long he was in service, but that he enlisted, as he told her, sometime after the Commencement of the war, for three years, or for during the war, she does not now recollect which, and was honourably discharged after having served out the period of his enlistment; she further states that her husband, the said Elliott, often told her, that he had Land in the West, which he was entitled to on account of his services in the Revolution – that her husband, some short time before his death, employed an agent, to recover his Land in the West, but that nothing has as yet been done with it that she knows of. She further states, that her husband was in one Capt. Pierce’s Company, as he informed her under one Col. Harrison & Capt. Thos. Bayler [sic: Thomas Baytop] – and that he was discharged by Col. [Edward] Carrington; she does not recollect to have heard him speak of being in more than one Battle, and the place where that was fought, she cannot now remember, tho she often heard him speak of being engaged in slight skirmishes with the enemy. She further states that she does not know the day, month, or year, when her husband, the said Elliott entered or left the service, but thinks it was in the month of Decem’r. that he left, as well as she now can recollect, and at the close of the war, or thereabouts. Nor can she state positively what County her husband resided in, when he entered the service, but thinks that he was a resident of Essex County, he hav[ing] been born & raised in that County.

She further states that she has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does she know of any person now alive, who can testify as to his rank and services. She further declares, that she has no record of her marriage, but that she was married to the said William in the County of Caroline, on or about the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three; but that she has no record of her marriage, as before stated, consequently, she cannot state the precise day, month or year. That she was married by Parson John Young in the aforesaid County of Caroline at his the said Young’s House in the presence of her Uncle, James Fletcher, who is now dead and that she had by the said Elliott Ten children, seven sons & three Girls all of whom she raised to be grown, and that two of her sons Washington & Thomson were

substitutes in the late war, the former for John Smith, & the latter for Morgan Gray, and that Washington was then over twenty one years of age.

She further states that her husband the said William Elliott died in the month of april in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty, but that she cannot state the exact day That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. at or about the time before stated. Elizabeth herXmark Elliott

[The following two discharges are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#). One or both of the discharges may apply to different soldiers named William Elliott. See endnote for discussion.]

William Elliott a Corporal of Capt Pierce's company of Artillery Commanded by Col. Harrison having serv'd. the Term of his Enlistment is hereby discharged from the service of the United States, his behaviour as a good soldier merrits the respect & Esteem of all men fr[ien]ds to their Country. Given under my hand the 20th of december 1779 [month and year unclear] Camp in Morristown [NJ]
Ed. Carrington DC [Edward Carrington]
Con. L. [illegible abbreviation]

This is to Certify that William Elliott serv'd in the said Reg't. the Term of three years.

A Copy Auditors Office Nov 13th 1783

Thos. Baytop Capt. Artly

Cha. Jones Clk

NOTES:

On 22 July 1851 Susan Noel, one of the surviving children of Elizabeth Elliott, assigned power of attorney to obtain any additional pension thought due to her mother. A document in the file certifies that Elizabeth Elliott died in Caroline County November 1847 leaving the following children: Susan Noel, Riely Elliott, Jefferson Elliott, and Tazwell Elliott.

In 1846 Elizabeth Elliott of King William County unsuccessfully applied for a pension (R3307) as the widow of a William Elliott, said to have been a Corporal in Capt. Thomas Baytop's company of Harrison's Artillery Regiment. I am inclined to believe that one or both of the discharge above apply to the husband of Sarah Elliott, and not to the husband of Elizabeth Elliott, for the following reasons: 1) the husband of Elizabeth Elliott stated that he was a Bombardier rather than a Corporal; 2) Sarah Elliott apparently did not have access to the discharge when she stated that her husband had been a Corporal; and 3) several witnesses testified that the husband of Sarah Elliott had been a Corporal. It is possible that the above William Elliott served as he stated, but he or his agent may have added some details, such as the date of discharge and the name of his Captain, from the discharges, which were available in Richmond. The agent for Elizabeth Elliott may also have added details from the discharges.