

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elisha Jewell W7890

Mildred Jewell

f37VA

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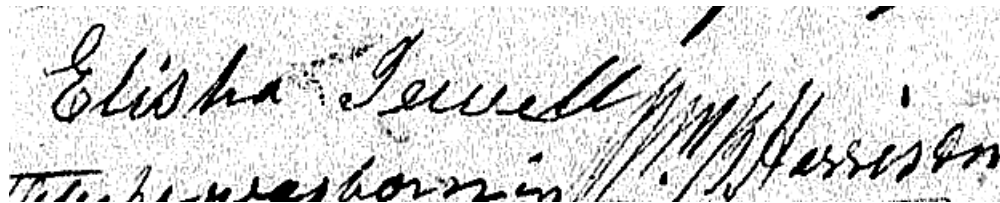
Loudoun County to wit

On this 20th day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Wm H Harrison a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County & State of Virginia Elisha Jewell aged 70 years or thereabouts who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted as a volunteer in Captain Francis Russell's Company in the year 1780 in the month of September General Mulin [sic, Peter Muhlenberg's] Division in the Revolutionary war for three months which time he served truly and faithfully & at the Expiration thereof he was discharged by Lieutenant John Debell which discharge is lost or mislaid. Whilst under Captain Francis Russell marched down to Fredericksburg, Bowling Green, Richmond, Petersburg & Sleepy Hole, Portsmouth &c was in no battles but acted as a guard to some prisoners on the lines after that he substituted himself as a private soldier under Captain Davenport & served at Winchester Barracks and guarded Prisoners on to Frederick Town in Maryland that was taken at York Town at the defeat of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. After his time of three months expired which he engaged for he was detained one month longer which made four or thereabouts which adding the whole time together he served in the Revolutionary War would make about seven months after the expiration of the said service he was discharged which is also lost or mislaid at the time he entered and performed all the above rendezvous & served he resided in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia when and before he entered the service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present at [sic] he declares and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State or that on the agency in this State to his knowledge.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Elisha Jewell

S/ Wm B. Harrison

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'Elisha Jewell' and the bottom signature is 'Wm B. Harrison'. The signatures are written over a faint, textured background.

NB He further states he was born in the year 1762 and he now resides in Fairfax County on the [indecipherable word or words] Turnpike Road in the State of Virginia above Allinson [?] Soldiers Repose Loudoun County Virginia December the 29th 1832.

I do Certify that I have been long acquainted with Elisha Jewell bearer hereof and whilst I was a Major and commanded the first Battalion in the 57th Regiment of Virginia militia he was Adjutant of a Company sometimes then promoted to a Captain in each capacity he acted with honor and fidelity for a term of fifteen or twenty years until he moved out of the County and I have always known and believe him to be a worthy good Citizen & honest & truthful man.

S/ Wm B. Harrison

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1st Where was you born. In the State of Maryland Montgomery County near Potomac River

2nd have you any record of your age none it is lost or destroyed

3rd where were you living when called into service and where have you lived ever since I lived first in Loudoun County Virginia then in Fairfax County in the town of Alexandria & at this time in the County of Fairfax nine miles from Alexandria on the Little Run Turnpike Road.

4th How were you called into service were you drafted or did you volunteer or were you a substitute – I volunteered

5th State the names of your regular officers General Muhlenberg Brigade Captain Francis Russell's Company of militia I served about Portsmouth, Suffolk and Sleepy Hole

6th did you receive a Certificate of service from Lieutenant John Debell which is lost or mislaid

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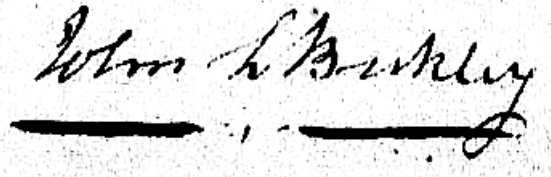
Loudoun County State of Virginia

I John L Berkley of the State & County aforesaid being called on by Elisha Jewel [sic] to State that he the said Elisha Jewel served a tower [tour] of Duty in the Militia of Virginia in the year 1780 under Captain Francis Russell (I cannot recollect the said Elisha Jewel personally) though from the facts & circumstances related to me by him the said Elisha Jewel I am entirely satisfied that he served the Tower above mentioned (under Captain Francis Russell); that the said Elisha Jewel mentioned (General Muhlenberg as Commander in Chief, Colonel Gibson, Major Meriwether of the first Virginia regular Army) (as far as I recollect) Captain Fagan, Captain Vincell, Captain Francis Russell with their subalterns – the Places we marched through with other Circumstances and possible for him the said Elisha Jewell to of known had he not been in Army at that time – to the best of my recollection the Tower Commenced in October 1780 & we were Discharged on or about the 20th of December the same year to the best of my recollection – & further this deponent saith not.

P.S. I served at the same time under Colonel Adam Vincell

S/ J. L. Berkley

S/ John L. Berkley¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John L. Berkley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Below the signature, there are two horizontal lines, one above and one below, which appear to be part of the document's layout or a signature line.

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State of Virginia County of Fairfax viz.:

On this 18th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Fairfax County in the State of Virginia, now sitting, Elisha Jewell, a resident of said County, and

¹ Will Graves: Note: I could not find any federal pension application filed by a soldier of this name. Consequently, his affidavit may be the only evidence in the federal documents of his services. I searched for records under "Berkley", "Buckley", "Bukley" "Buskley" etc.

State, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted as a volunteer in the month of September 1780 he does not recollect the day in a Company commanded by Captain Francis Russell whose first Lieutenant's name was John Turley and 2nd John Debell. The said Company was marched to Fredericksburg where it joined the Troops under the command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. From thence he marched to the Bowling Green, to Richmond, Petersburg – thence to Sleepy Hole and Portsmouth. The Officers whom he knew & who were at that time attached to the Army were General Muhlenberg, to whose Brigade he belonged – Colonel Gibson, Major Meriwether, Major Spitsfatham [perhaps John Spitzfathom], who acted as Adjutant, and many others, whose names he does not recollect. During this Tour, he was in no battle, but was employed part of the time in guarding some Prisoners taken on the Lines. After serving fully 3 months he was discharged, and returned home. After this, in the month of December he does not remember the particular day 1781 he became a Substitute for one Neale and joined a Company commanded by Captain Davenport and marched to Winchester Virginia where he served at the Barracks for some time, and was sent from thence as one of the Guard to attend the Prisoners taken at the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York Virginia to Frederick Town in Maryland, and after returning from thence, his service being required, he was retained in service one month longer than he was bound to serve, and at the expiration of four months was discharged, making in all, the first and last Tour, seven months. Before, for many years, and at the time of his enlistment, he resided in the County of Louden [Loudoun], in the State of Virginia. He has no documentary evidence of his said Service, not having preserved his discharges in either instance, nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his said service of their own knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

S/ Elisha Jewell

[Major William B Harrison, Thomas Moss, George Chichester, William H Chichester, Daniel Minor and Jesse Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: On August 22, 1838 in Fairfax County Virginia, Mildred Jewell, 75, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Elisha Jewell, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the year 1789; that her husband died May 13, 1834 and that she remains his widow.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mildred Jewell", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 12: copy of a marriage bond dated November 20, 1789 issued in Loudoun County Virginia to Elisha Jewell & John B Jenkins conditioned upon the marriage of Elisha Jewell to Mildred Hodgkin, spinster of Cameron Parish.]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]