

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ephraim Elder and Mark More W7471 Martha More VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 17 Oct 2019.

State of Virginia: Campbell County to wit:

On this 6th day of April 1843 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Martha More, a resident of Campbell County in the State of Virginia aged about 84 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed march 3rd 1837: That she was married to Ephraim Elder her first husband on the 16th day of July 1787. That the said Ephraim Elder was a soldier of the Virginia Continental line, for the term of three years, and served the same faithfully – she farther declares, that said Ephraim Elder died on or about the year 1800

She then married on the 11th day of October 1808 Mark More who was also a soldier of the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution; That her husband the aforesaid Mark More died on or about the year 1813 – and that she was a widow on the 4th of July 1836 and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed —

That her first husband Ephraim Elder was a soldier of the Revolution, as will appear by the accompanying certificates of credible persons who served with him in the war of the Revolution — And her last husband, Mark More, was also a soldier of the Virginia Continental line, as will appear by the accompanying certificates of credible persons

She claims a pension for whatever length of time the Department under the circumstances of the case thinks proper to allow. That she has never intermarried — Martha herXmark More

State of Virginia: Campbell County to wit:

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Ephraim Elder in the Revolutionary War and know the fact that he enlisted and served a long time in Captain Kielpatrick's [probably Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300] Company of Regulars and believe he had served a considerable time before as he was marched to our attachment by a different officer he served faithfully during the time I was with him of about 18 months. I am of the opinion I left said Ephraim Elder in the Army — Given under my hand this 25 day of May 1843 — Reuben hisXmark Brizendine [Reuben Brizendine S6754]

State of Virginia,

Campbell County S.S.

On this 26 day of February 1844, before me J H Plunkett a Justice of the peace, in and for said county, personally appeared Bartholomew Cyre [Bartholomew Cyrus W25467] a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – That he is 83 years old, and was well acquainted with one Ephraim Elder during the Revolutionary War – the same man who married Miss [blank] in or about the year [blank] and who died on or about the year [blank] in said County, and whose widow Martha, whose maiden name was Mathews, was afterwards married in said County to one Mark Moore, who was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war and who also died in said County on or about the year [blank]. That the said Elder her first husband was a regular soldier in the Revo'y. War Infantry – Continental line of service – and in the same Regiment with deponant; but that he neither recollects the name of the captain, or Col. but thinks it was the 2nd Reg't. Deponant and said Ephraim Elder continued in service together about 3 years – both at the North, and the South. First under Col Mason [David Mason VAS506] at the North 15th Reg't – and at the South under Col. Campbell [Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] of the 2nd Reg't. dep was under Cap. Kilpatrick. dep. served to the end of the war and thinks that Elder did the same – having served about 3 years.

Bartholmew X [his mark] Cyre

State of Virginia: Campbell County to Wit:

On this 21st day of June 1844 before me John H. Plunkett a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Samuel Matthews [Samuel Mathews S5732] a respectable resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath say – That he was well acquainted with one Ephraim Elder during the Revolutionary War – the same man who married Miss Patsey or Martha Mathews in the year 1787 and who died and whose widow Martha whose maiden name was Matthews, was afterwards married in said County to one Mark More, who was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war as he has been credibly informed, and who also died in said County on or about the year 1813 (he visited said Mark More in his last illness) That the said Elder her first husband he was with him in service at the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] said Elder was in the regular service and served three years faithfully – he afterwards enlisted for during the whole (scrape) or war – he was a faithful and good soldier. I am now in my 83rd year of age. Given under my hand this 21st day of

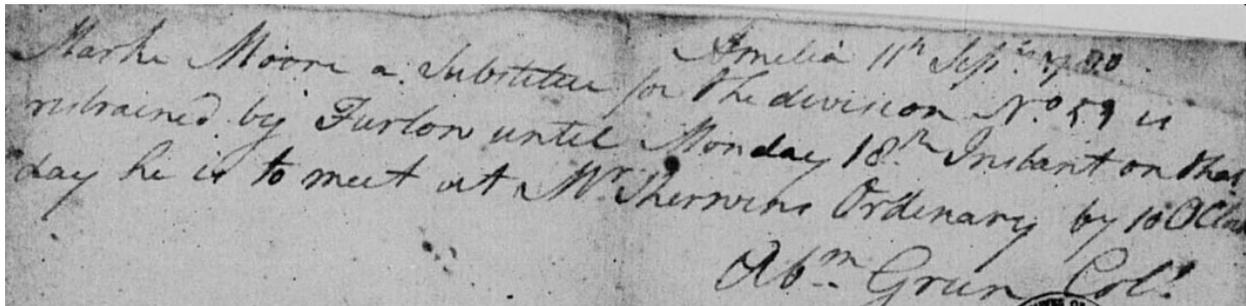
June 1844

Samuel Matthews his mark X

[The following is evidently an original document. Abraham Green was Colonel of the Amelia County Militia according to the pension application of William Worsham (S6436).]

Amelia 11th Sep'r 1780

Mark Moore a Substitute for the division No. 53 is retrained[?] by Furton until Monday 18th Instant on that day he is to meet at Mr Sherwins Ordinary by 10 OClock Ab'm Green Colo.

A black and white photograph of a handwritten document snippet. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed text above. It reads: "Mark Moore a Substitute for the division No. 53 is retrained by Furton until Monday 18th Instant on that day he is to meet at Mr Sherwins Ordinary by 10 OClock Ab'm Green Colo." The document is dated "Amelia 11th Sep'r 1780".

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to Wit:

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Mark Moore in the Revolutionary War and know the fact that he enlisted in the Virginia Continental line for the period of three years under Captain [blank] and that he served the said term faithfully and was honourably discharged – Given under my hand this 7th day of June 1843 —

Merryman hisXmark Tucker

State of Virginia: Campbell County to Wit:

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Mark More during the Revolutionary War the same man that married the Widow Patsey or Martha Elder, I was liveing with him the said Mark More in Amelia County when he enlisted under Captain Bentley I think his name was Samuel Bentley for the term of eighteen months which term he served faithfully and was honourably discharged. I have often seen his discharge after his return out of the regular army in the Revolutionary War – I was liveing on his Plantation when he returned home out of the regular army. I am now in my 80th year of age. Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1844

Freeman More his mark X

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Virginia: Campbell County to Wit:

I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Ephraim Elder in the Revolutionary war and knew the fact that he enlisted in the Virginia Continental line for the period of three years under Captain [blank]

and that he served the said term faithfully, and was honourably discharged. Given under my hand this 28th day of February 1843.

Bartholomew hisXmark Cyrus

To his Excellency the Govenor of the Commonwealth of Virginia [19 April 1843]

The memorial of the heirs and legal representatives of Ephraim Elder late a private in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the Revolution

Respectfully sheweth

That the said Ephraim Elder in the year [blank] enlisted under Captain [blank] in the Virginia Continental line to serve for three years, and was attached to the Virginia Regiment commanded by [blank]

That he served faithfully the term for which he enlisted ans was honourably discharged from service.

All of which will more readily appear by refference to the Army Register of the Virginia Continental line and the accompanying certificates of credible persons who served with him in the war of the Revolution

Your memorialist further state that in his life time he never applied for or ever drew the Land Bounty promised by the state of Virginia nor have his heirs since his death applied for or drawn the same.

Your memorialist therefore humbly pray that your Excellency will grant them the usual quantity of Land allowed to a private of three years pursuant to the Laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – and in duty bound shall every pray &c.

Oliver hisXmark Elder

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 (<http://revwarapps.org/b69.pdf>) includes the following: Mark Moore (“or Ch’s.” written indistinctly between the first and last name)/ age 38/ height 5 5¼/ “capter” (possibly meaning carpenter)/ born and residing in Amelia County/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 11 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

The file includes a copy of the record of the marriage of Ephriam Elder to Patsey Matthews on 16 July 1787 in Charlotte County VA.

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Addendum to Ephraim Elder and Mark More W7471

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[From [Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) in the file of Ephraim Elder.]

State of Virginia Campbell County to wit: [10 April 1848]

I George Wm Dabney Clerk of the Court of the Court of Campbell County holden at the Court House in and for said County do hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited to said Court that Martha Moore deceased widow of Ephraim Elder deceased was a pensioner of the United states at the rate of eighty Dollars per annum; was a resident of the County of Campbell in the state of Virginia and died in the said County and State in the year 1846 on the 5th day of January and that she left four children whose names are, Alfred Elder, Lucy Ann Foster, Oliver Elder and Nancy Dowdy who are of lawful age.