

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Elliott (Elliot) S32232

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State of Alabama County of Morgan: SS

Orphans Court for said County

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1834 being the first Monday in said month personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Edwin R Wallace sole judge thereof it being a court of record having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the common law John Elliott a resident citizen of said County and State aged seventy-nine 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was a resident of the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina to which place I had removed from the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia where I was born in the year 1755 on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November when I entered the service of the United States as a regular soldier. I enlisted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1776 under Capt. George Davidson who belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. Nash [Francis Nash] the Brigade by General Moore [James Moore]. We marched from Guilford to Fayetteville, thence to Wilmington on to Charleston where a battle was fought with the British at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] where the American troops were victorious. The British fleet then off Charleston commanded by Sir Peter Parker. At this battle Gen'l Charles Lee commanded the Americans. This was about the month of July after my enlistment. I served five months immediately after this I again enlisted under Capt. Robert Smith of 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Col. Polk [Thomas Polk] and marched from Charleston to Halifax North Carolina from which place we were ordered to New York and marched on until we received orders to return to Charleston. Soon after we were again ordered to join the Northern Army and marched on to Wilmington where I was taken sick & continued very low for some time, the rest of my company having marched on. On this tour I served twelve months and eight days and was discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1777 as well as I recollect having enlisted for this service the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1776.

In the same year 1777 I volunteered under Capt. Hambleton of Guilford County, North Carolina who commanded a militia company as well as I recollect it was the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December when I volunteered and we immediately marched to Guilford court house & joined the United States troops and I was placed under the command of Capt. Goodman [William Goodman] – We marched on to Savannah crossed the River of that name, marched on to Augusta thence to Briar Creek at which place we had a fight [March 3, 1779] with the enemy and retreated to South Carolina to a place called Stono where we had a battle [June 20, 1779]. We then marched to Bacons Bridge on Ashley River. At this place I was taken with the Small Pox & sent to the Hospital at Charleston on Sullivan's Island – during my stay at this place my term of service nine months for which I had volunteered having expired I was discharged by Capt. Ramsey. I was a prisoner of war taken by the enemy and kept for twenty days before I was exchanged for during which time I suffered very greatly. I have lost all my

discharges but well recollects that I was in the service of the United States in my several tours for two years and two months in the regularly embodied troops called into actual service by Competent Authority during all which time he was engaged in no civil employment whatever. That he has heretofore filed his declaration for the benefit of the said act of Congress and afterwards his amended or supplemental declaration both of which have so been lost or miscarried by the mail that they did not as he is informed reach the War office the first filed in 1832 the last in 1833. 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 or Territory whatever.

In answer to the 7 interrogatories required by the regulations of the war department to be propounded by the said Court he answers as follows

To the 1<sup>st</sup> he says I was born in the County of Augusta State of Virginia on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1755. To the 2<sup>nd</sup> He answers he has no record of his age but spoke from traditionary evidence and contemporary events in history. To the 3<sup>rd</sup> he says he was living in the State of North Carolina in that part now called Guilford County where he enlisted. After the war he moved to Kentucky from thence to Tennessee and thence to Alabama and for the last 15 years a citizen of this County. 4<sup>th</sup> That he entered the service in the manner above stated. To the 5<sup>th</sup> He says he has stated some of the officers to whom he was known and he was known to many others whose names he can't now recollect and he being illiterate is unaided by history. 6<sup>th</sup> He received one discharge signed by Capt. Ramsey as well as he now recollects and perhaps others but all are lost from lapse of time or accidents. He never had any commission but served as a common soldier. 7<sup>th</sup> He is well known to the Rev. James H Gillespie a clergyman of said County and to Jeremiah Alexander both of whom can testify as to their belief of his services from reputation in his neighborhood. That he has no documentary evidence of his services whatever – having lost the discharge he received as he recollects and others if he ever did receive them.

S/ John Elliott, X his mark

[James H Gillespie, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from a list of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Elliott of said line was allowed for his services therein the sum of forty-one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny (£41.15.1.) which appears to have been drawn by Charles Dixon who was an officer in said line.

Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]

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another version

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Transcribed by Nancy Poquette

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Morgan County, Alabama, JOHN ELLIOTT, aged 79 years:

“I was a resident of the County of Guilford in the state of North Carolina, to which place I had removed from the County of Augusta, state of Virginia, where I was born in the year 1755 on the 6th day of November. I entered the service of the United States as a regular soldier. I enlisted on

the 6th day of February 1776 under Captain GEORGE DAVIDSON, who belonged to the regiment commanded by Colonel LEDBETTER, brigade by General MOORE. We marched from Guilford to Fayetteville, thence to Wilmington on to Charleston, when a battle was fought with the British at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island where the American troops were victorious. The British fleet then off Charleston commanded by Sir Peter Parker. At this battle, General CHARLES LEE commanded the Americans. This was about the month of July. After my enlistment I served five months."

"Immediately after this, I again enlisted under Captain ROBERT SMITH of 4th Regiment, commanded by Colonel POLK and marched from Charleston to Halifax, NC, from which place we were ordered to New York, and marched on until we received orders to return back to Charleston. Some time after, we were again ordered to join the Northern Army and marched on to Wilmington, where I was taken sick and continued very low for some time, the rest of my company having marched on. On this tour, I served twelve months and eight days and was discharged on the 10th of July, 1777, as well as I recollect, having enlisted for the service the 10th of July, 1776."

"In the same year 1777, I volunteered under Captain HAMBLETON of Guilford County, NC who commanded a militia company. As well as I recollect, it was the 20th day of December when I volunteered and we immediately marched to Guilford Courthouse and joined the United States troops and I was placed under the command of Captain GOODMAN. We marched on to Savannah, crossed the river of that name, marched on to Augusta, thence to Briar Creek, at which place we had a fight with the enemy and retreated to South Carolina to a place called Stono where we had a battle. We then marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River. At this place I was taken with the small pox and sent to the hospital at Charleston on Sullivan's Island. During my stay at this place, my term of nine months for which I had volunteered having expired, I was discharged by Captain RAINEY. I was a prisoner of war and taken by the enemy for 20 days before I was exchanged for \_\_\_\_ which time I suffered very greatly."