

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Elmore S8414

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

On this second day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of pleas & quarter Sessions of the County of Lincoln & State aforesaid now sitting William Elmore a resident of the County of Lincoln aforesaid & State aforesaid aged seventy-three the 4th day of February last past, who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, as a substitute under the following named Officers: the field officers names were \_\_Skinner, who commanded as General, William O'Neal Colonel, a \_\_ Daugherty Major, \_\_ Grissom [David Grisham] Captain & Thomas Gray Lieutenant that the time he entered said service was about the last of February or 1st of March 1780. That he was marched to Fayetteville & from thence to Wilmington in North Carolina and from thence to Lynches Creek in South Carolina he was there discharged as his term of three months for which he was substituted had been expired. That he was in no engagement during that service. That shortly after he returned home (He then resided in Orange County in the State of North Carolina & not far from the town of Hillsboro) he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for the term of three months under General Butler [John Butler] Colonel John Taylor & Captain George Hodge That he was marched from Orange County in the State aforesaid & Town of Hillsboro to Fayetteville & from thence to Deep River & there joined General Gates [Horatio Gates]. From thence to Rugeley's Mill near Camden & there continued until the battle [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] was fought, commonly called Gates defeat or battle of Camden That he was in the said Battle. He was then ordered home to Colonel Phefers [sic, Phifer's] in Mecklenburg County North Carolina & from thence to Guilford County in said State & was there discharged having served out his term of three months He then returned home & in about four or five days after he returned home he volunteered in the service of the United [States] in the Cavalry at Hillsboro aforesaid under the command of Colonel John Taylor & Captain George Hodge. He was then marched to Fayetteville for the purpose of defeating the Tories and from thence he was marched to Pedee [River] & joined General Arington [sic, William Henry Harrington?] there & continued at that place until the time for which he entered the service had expired to wit three months: He then returned home & remained there until an express came all the efficient [?] men in the country to turn out & fight Corn Wallis [Cornwallis], he then volunteered again & served one month in the foot service under the command of Captain Robert Hodge. He was marched from Hillsborough to Dan River it was then ascertained that Cornwallis had surrendered he was then discharged & returned home

having served in all ten months.

That he has no documentary evidence to prove the above facts & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his or any of his service except Edward Reppy<sup>1</sup> whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

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 of the agency of the State of North Carolina

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
Witness S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ William Elmore, X his mark

[Bolen T Kirby, a clergyman, and John B. Harry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by the court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born as well as I now remember in 1759

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have a record of my age but I have it not in my possession, it is in Orange County North Carolina

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in Orange County North Carolina when I entered the service as I before stated & I Mills now in Lincoln County as before stated

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was twice a volunteer & once a substitute for a certain David Phillips

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have already set forth their names in the foregoing declaration

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I think I got a discharge from Captain Hodge but I do not now remember what became of it

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer BT Kirby, a clergyman and Robert Ford & John B. Harry

S/ William Elmore, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

This day Edward Rippey appeared before me, John B. Harry, one of the acting Justices of the peace for and in said County and after being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he was a soldier in the revolutionary War, that he served a three months tour in the Cavalry commanded by Colonel Taylor Captain Hodge & Lieutenant Crawford and marched from Hillsborough Orange County NC where he then resided, and marched from thence to Cross

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<sup>1</sup> [Edward Rippy S9059](#)

Creek (now Fayetteville) from thence to the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina at which place we united with General Arrington's Troop and continued with him until dismissed in South Carolina some distance below where Cheraw is now situated that he served as a volunteer this tour and further says that William Elmore who was at the time a near neighbor of his Volunteered at the same time and served the above time faithfully under the above officers until legally dismissed, and that they now live in thirty miles of each other, in Lincoln County, this deponent further Saith that he does know that the said William Elmore took another tour but how long he served he does not recollect as he was not with him Sworn and Subscribed to this 10th day of May A.D. 1833 before me

S/ John B. Harry JP

S/ Edward Rippey, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]