

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Elliott (Elliot) W10122 Mary Horner f54VA
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Elliott Reuben (Mary Horner, former widow) VA W10122 BLWt 67531-160-55

(p2) A certificate

Reuben Elliott, Chillicothe OH, of 13May1833 \$30/annum
Private of Va militia for 9 months, Capt Wynn Gen Morgan

(p3) A certificate for Mary Horner on 04Jun1859

Continuing the Reuben Elliott pension for his widow.

(p5) State of Ohio

Pike County

On this 7th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand & eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Honourable Frederick Grunka president and James McClintock, Samuel Swearingen, and Isaac Cook associate judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Pike aforesaid now in session, Reuben Elliott a resident of the Township of Huntingdon and County aforesaid, 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 into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein state

That in the Fall of 1780 he was drafted from Fauqher (Fauquier) County in the state of Virginia to serve a tour of three months from the time of rendezvous at headquarters, that he marched under Captain James Wynn of Fauquier County to Hillsborough in North Carolina and there rendezvoused and was attached to the brigade of the Brave and honored [?] Genl Morgan, that from Hillsborough he marched to Campden (sic Camden) where they found about 1200 Tories and British officers standing upon their defense in strong Blockhouses, that Morgan had no artillery, and but for an expedient he used the Tories must have maintained their position, he ordered pine logs which had been blacked by fire that had passed through

(p6) the woods to be cut into lenghgtes [lengths] corresponding, with that of field pieces; and mounted them upon ox cart wheels in the imitation of cannon upon their carriages, and with six or eight of these pieces of American artillery, approached the blockhouses, upon which the Tories & British officers mistaking them for real Guns sent a flag to the approaching army tendering their surrender, that they afterwards marched out of the blockhouses and stacked their arms, and were taken into custody as prisoners of war and marched to Charlotte ^{or Charlottesville} in North Carolina and from thence to Salisbury in the same state, where the said Elliott remained about three weeks when the term for which he was drafted expired and he returned home.

That after he had returned home about three months to the best of his recollection, he was again drafted from the same county to serve a term of three months from the time of rendezvous, that on the second day after he was drafted, he marched under the command of Captain Wynn of the same County, to Williamsburg in the State of Virginia and there, joined the force under Col Armstead Churchwell [Armistead Churchill]. That he lay there with the balance of the time under Churchwell's command, for the principal part of three months, when the British landing in

force about ten miles from Williamsburg at a place called the grove, caused the Americans to retreat upon Manchester and Richmond, where he remained until the expiration of his time of service. –

That from Richmond he returned home to Fauquier County in the state of Virginia and in about six weeks afterwards as best

(p7) as he can recollect, was again drafted for the term of three months from time of rendezvous, that on the second day after he was drafted he marched under the command of Captain James Wynn to York Town in the state of Virginia, that he marched through Prince William and Fauquier County as he believes and encamped about ten miles from the heights on the first night after they arrived before the town, and joined the main army, and assisted on the same night in throwing up an entrenchment reaching from Potomac to James River about five miles in length and within a quarter of a mile distant from Yorktown, that the entrenchment was composed of frames about eighteen feet in length with alternate layers of sand, every about twelve feet wood at the base and from the bottom of the ditch which was twelve feet wide over to a height of about twelve feet or at least high enough to conceal and protect the passage of wagons – that he remained with the army until the surrender of the British under Cornwallis to the American commander in chief that from the time the first entrenchment was thrown from river to river, he worked in the entrenchment as they were successfully pushed towards the town until American works approached within seventy yards of the place, that this expedition he was attached to the regiment of Col Elias Edmonds and under the immediate command of the Genl Lafayette, that at the time of the surrender the British were blockaded by a French fleet blockading (?)

(p8) across the bay, that after the surrender of the British he marched with the prisoners and [?] west of Winchester in the state aforesaid, where his time expired and he returned home –

That in the year 1793 as he thinks he was again drafted from Fauquier County to serve and marched as far as a place called in the Whiskey boy expedition. That he marched under captain O Banyard [?] and in Col Jones Regiment, passed the big crossings in the mountains and marched as far as a place called Bentleys farm and remained there about four days, when part of the force volunteered to remain one man ___ and the balance had orders to return home, that Matthews and Morgan were the generals in command.

Question by the court – where and when were you born?

Answer – In Prince William County in the year 1764

Question by court: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer: My age was recorded in my father's family bible but my brother William has I am informed had it in removing to the state of Kentucky

By the court: How were you called into service? Were you drafted, were you a substitute, or did you volunteer?

Answer: I was drafted.

(p9) By the court state the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General commander of your service

Answer: I have stated to the best of my recollection in relation to the general circumstances of my services, as it regards officers I remember nothing distinctly of any but Genl Swearingen with the occupation of these under whom I served and as to the numbers of regiments &c any memory entirely fails –

By the court:

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service of as by whom was it given

Answer: I never received a discharge that I recollect ~~xxxxxxxx~~ but upon the expiration of my time had liberty to return home.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Witness

Reuben Elliot x his mark

Francis Hill

Sworn to & subscribed in open court October 7th 1832

Humphrey Fullerton Clerk

(p10-11) routine supportive statements by

Clergy Pleasant Thurman

Neighbor Francis Kyle

Certification by Pike County clerk Humphrey Fullerton

(p12 ff) 04May1857 Pike County OH widow of Reuben Elliott, Mary Horner, age 56 application for widow's benefits per congressional Act of 3d February 1853. States that Elliott died in October 1841, her maiden name was Mary Renshaw, she remarried Willis Horner about 1844 or 1845 and Willis died about two years later, she remained a widow thereafter.

Routine county verification and certification.