

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Elihu Chilcott W6665

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Virginia towit

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of December AD 1819 Personally appeared before John P. Jackson District Judge of the United States Elihu Chillcott aged more than sixty two years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision of the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united states in the revolutionary war" that he the Elihu Chillcott enlisted in the regular service of the United States on the 27th day of May 1776 in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Millenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] for one year But for some cause or other was kept two years in said service. That he was in a short time after his enlistment attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Reed [sic: Isaac Read], that from ill health in December 1776 he received a furlow and was absent from the army about two months, that he was in the battles of White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], & Monmouth [28 June 1778], that he continued to serve in said corps more than two years when he was discharged in the state of New Jersey that he has now no other evidence of his said services in his power except the annexed affidavits, that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support. That he lives in Hardy County Virginia, & travelled to the County of Harrison to obtain the testimony of Matthias Hite[pension application S38031], who was an officer in the Revolutionary Army, of his services.

The Bearer hereof Elihu Chilcott having lived in our Neighbourhood on the lost River Hardy County Virg'a upwards of forty years during which time he has always supported the character of an honest sober upright man and we the subscribers in left column do know, that he march'd in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War – and has now grown old and very Infirm – an can Illy support himself & family – and now Solicits aid from the General government in that case provided – We whose names is herewith annexed do Certify that he Justly Merits the above character given from under our hands this 4th day of Oct'r 1819

Anthony Miller
Gregory Walker[?]
George harris
George Claypool
William Baker
Jacob Baker
Wm. Warden

Jacob Miller
Jacob Chrisman
George Lee
John harris
Jonathan Branson
William Branson
George Khoon
Thomas Bobo
Thomas Wilson
Benjm Warden
James Baker
Jeremiah Inskeep
[illegible name]
Michel Neff
John Hopewell

Virginia Harrison County towit

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said county Matthias Hite and

made oath that the within named Elihu Chillcott served in the revolutionary war ags't. the common enemy more than two years as within stated Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of December 1819

Hardy County State of Virginia Sct:

At a Court continued & held for the said County of Hardy the 9th day of August 1820. present William Heath John Hopewell David Vanmeter & John Weston[?]} Gentlemen Justices

On this 9th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County by Virtue of the Laws of the State of Virginia in such case made and pervided Elihu Chillcott aged sixty three years the 8th of April last past who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pervision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that the said Elihu Chillcott enlisted for the Term of One year on the 27th day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain [William] Croghan (but was enlisted by Capt. Hite) in the 8th Virginia regiment but was transferred immediately to the 1st Virginia regiment commanded by Colonel Reed in the line of the State of Virginia & that he was again transferred to the 3^d regiment commanded by Colonel [George] Weedon & that he being a rifle man was from time to time attached to other Regiments & Corps of which he cannot now give a regular account all which regiments he believes were on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said regiments and Corps until the [blank] day of July or August in the year 1779 when he was discharged from the said service in or near Amboy in the State of Jersey – that he was in the battle of the white plains – at Brunswick with the troops driven from there by the Enemy, in the battle of Brandywine – in the battle of Germantown & in the Battle of Monmouth – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services (Except the affidavit of Matthias Hite formerly a Captain in said Service & under whose command the Officer was as he believes with whom he said Chillcott enlisted – which affidavit he had delivered to Judge Hugh Holmes of Winchester & was enclosed by him to the pension office or War department & was put into the post office at Winchester by him said Chillcott – And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 the said Elihu Chillcott doth further on oath declare as follows “I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of the Estate of Elihu Chillcott

205¾ acres of Land on Kimsey's run [Kimsey Run] in s'd. County of Hardy (my tenure in said Land is very uncertain, the purchase money not being paid) the value of which is \$214.50

– personal Estate – 2 horse creatures one of which is 2 years old 1 milch cow & calf 2 yearling calves

Elihu hisXmark Chillcott

Aug't 8th 1820

The said Elihu Chillcott further declares that he is by occupation a farmer, that he is wholly incapacitated to follow his said Occupation by reason in part of his advanced age & further on account of infirmities that his family residing with him besides his wife Lydia aged fifty eight years – are a daughter named Ann [“married since” interlined above] aged seventeen years & another named Rachel [“married since” interlined above] aged twenty years Pricilla a grand daughter aged five years & Isaac Chillcott a son aged 14 years – whose capacities taken together are scarsely able to maintain themselves – also one son Joel Chillcott [“who is married since” interlined above] of twenty two years of age who is no longer subject to the said Elihu – the two older daughters are also at or near the age at which they are or will be free – Sworn to and declared on the said 9th day of August 1820 before the said Court

The Bearer hereof Elihu Chilcott having lived in our neighbourhood on the lost River Hardy County Virginia upwards of fifty years during which time he has always supported the character of an honest sober upright man but it appears to be impossible for him to prove by two men that they saw him in the regular Sarvase as you requested tho he can make it appear by his neighbours that he did march in the Sarvase of the United States also served a Malitia tour some time before Corn Wallase was taken [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] therefore he has become so infirm that he is scarcely able to do any thing is raptar'd troubled with severe fits of the Cholick and has a very sore leg – we whose names is hereunto annexed do certify that he justly merits the above character given from under our hands this 10th day of September 1822

William Heath

Jones Green

Jacob Miller

Jonathan Branson

Anthony Miller

Justices of the County court of Hardy Virginia

David Ogden

NOTE: On 11 Aug 1838 Lydia Chilcott, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Elihu Chilcott about the year 1788, and he died in May 1831. Rachel Wilson, 69, deposed that Lydia Payne called upon a sister of hers to "wait upon her" at her marriage to Elihu Chilcott. The file contains a letter dated 15 Apr 1839 apparently written by Lydia Chilcott to her agent inquiring whether she could obtain the pension money and stating that she would "like to get it as quick as possible for [she was] very needy at this time." On 19 June 1843 Lydia Chilcott, 83, applied under a later pension act