

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Elias Hollingsworth: R5152

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State of South Carolina}
District of Pickens} SS.

On this Eighteenth day of August 1845. personally appeared in open Court before William D. Steele Judge of the Court of Ordinary, Elias Hollingsworth a resident of the District and State aforesaid, aged Eighty One 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted as a militiaman of South Carolina, and entered the service as such, he thinks in the year seventeen hundred & 81 with Captain Daniel Duff and served as Quarter Master, but he cannot recollect the precise number of days, tho' he supposes the certificate of the Comptroller which states that it was 51 days must be correct, tho' his impression is that it was much longer. The officers as far as he can recollect, were Capt. Duff, Major [William] Farr and Col [Thomas] Brandon

The second Tour he thinks in the next year (as the year must have been nearly out when he returned from the first) he entered the same way, and served as a private under the same officers, was drafted he thinks, for Six months, and served out his time and was regularly discharged, tho' he does not now know what has become of it. That he resided in Union District S.C. when he entered the service, he was in no Battle. Marched from Brown's Creek to Grindalls Shoals [sic: Grindal Shoals] and there joined Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan's Camp, and crossed Broad River at mouth of Bullocks Creek, through Chesterfield District, and much through that part of the State, but does not recollect that he was out of the State. He further states that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, want of education to keep memorandums of pressing events, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served more than Six months, yet he would rather be under than over, so he put it down at Six months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, except that of South Carolina. Elias hisXmark Hollingsworth

The following interrogatories were propounded to Elias Hollingsworth, and answered as follows. viz:

- 1st Where and in what year were you born? In Louden [sic: Loudoun] County Va. in 1763.
2. Have you any record of your age? Has no record of his age.
3. Where were you living when called into service? where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live? In Union Dist. on Broad River, then to Newberry Dist. & now in Pickens Dist.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? Drafted.
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia Regts. as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services? Capt. Duff, Capt. Jolly, Major Farr, Major McJunkin, Col. Brandon, Capt. Savage & Gen'l. Morgan - served as stated in body of Declaration.
6. Does not recollect whether his discharges were written or only verbal, or from whom they were received.
7. State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood &c. Maj'r. W. L. Keith & Gen'l. F. N. Garvin Pickens C. N. Col. T. J. Pickens, Rev'd. W. G. Mullens, E. B. Benson Esq & F. Burt Esq. Pendleton

South Carolina} Before me personally appeared Maj. Joseph McJunkin an old and highly
Pickens District} respectable citizen of Union District S.C. and made oath that he knows
Elias Hollingsworth of Pickens, and that he knew him and his family during the Revolutionary
War, and knows that he done service as a friend to liberty, under Capt. Benjamin Jolly & Capt.

Daniel Duff and in the Regiment (he thinks) commanded by Col. Farr, who was Maj'r and Col. during the War: but he was not intimate enough with him during the war to state how long he served; but he recollects that a brother of his (Aquilla Hollingsworth) was killed by the side of this deponent at Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and that his Father was with this deponent during a considerable portion of the war; and they were all good Whigs & Soldiers, and afterwards good honest respectable citizens, and no one who knows Elias Hollingsworth could doubt his statement. [signed] Joseph McJunkin
Sworn to & subscribed this 1st April 1845

Comptroller Gens's office
Columbia So. Ca. July 21/45

Book X

Ind'd 789} Issued the 28 Sept'r 85 To Elias Hollingsworth for Twenty Three pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eight pence Sterl'g for Fifty one days duty as Q'r Master, and also for waggon pr aut audited

Pr'l £23:11:8 Int £1:10 ~

Book X

Ind'd 2880} Issued 30 May 86 To Elias Hollingsworth Four pounds, one shilling and Ten pence three farthings Sterl'g. Militia Duty in Brandens Reg't pr aut audited

Principal £4:1:10¼ Int £1:5:8

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office

For Comptroller Gen'l