

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Ellis S41518

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State of North Carolina Bladen County

On this 5th day of February 1822, personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record, for the County aforesaid and of the State aforesaid Robert Ellis aged 73 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Robert Ellis enlisted for the term of seven years on ___ the day of ___ in the year of ___ in the State of North Carolina as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain James Mills in the Regiment commanded by Major Griffith McRee in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until ___ when he was discharged from the said Service in ___ in the State of North Carolina

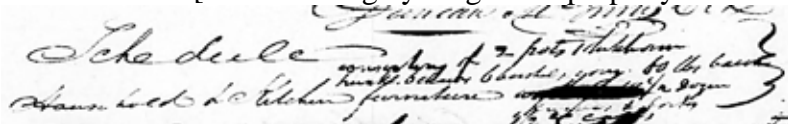
That the said Robert Ellis marched with the said company from Wilmington North Carolina to Pon Pon in South Carolina, where the Regiment joined General Green [Nathanael Greene], marched with said Regiment to Bacon bridge [Bacon's Bridge] South Carolina from thence to Ashley Hill South Carolina & from thence to Wilmington North Carolina that he was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] ___ that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" 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

Sworn to & declared on the 5th day of February 1822 before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions holden for the County of Bladen it being a court of record –

[attested by Duncan McInnis, Clerk]

[Schedule largely illegible -- property shown to be worth \$15]¹



Robert Ellis has 4 children [one or more words written over and illegible] are adults & lives not with him – the other has been with him together with his wife compose his family & are not of age.

Bladen County, On this ___ day of February 1822 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Robert Ellis aged 73 years resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (viz.) -- a private Soldier in the company of which James Mills was Captain & in the Regiment commanded by Major Griffith McRee of the North Carolina line. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” 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

Sworn to & declared on the ___ day of February 1822 before the court of pleas & quarter Sessions holden for the County of Bladen it being a court of record
[attested again by Duncan McInnis, Clerk—but this time the veteran’s property is valued at \$18]

State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

On this 17th day of May A.D. 1825 in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County, personally appeared Robert Ellis, who being duly sworn on oath declares that he is the same person named in the annexed Certificate of Duncan McInnis, and in addition to the facts set forth in the original Declaration appendant to said Certificate, he now states that he enlisted in the North Carolina of the Continental establishment in April 1776 in the company at first commanded by Thomas Allen, but afterwards by James Mills, That said company belonged to the Regiment of which James Moore was Colonel who was subsequently appointed a General. That he the said Robert Ellis continued in said Line of the Continental Establishment as a private Soldier during the war & until the troops were disbanded.

That the reason of his not more speedily prosecuting his original claim for a pension under the aforesaid Declaration is, That the same having been transmitted from the War Department accompanied by a memorandum for further evidence thereof to the Honorable John L. Taylor was by said Taylor mislaid & it is only within a few days passed that the Same being found, it was sent to him the said Ellis. That since the time of making said original Declaration there has been no alteration in the small amount named in the schedule then rendered, nor have his circumstances in any respects materially altered being now as then incapable of supporting himself without the aid of the Government except by private or public charity. And further the said Robert Ellis relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & further the players that his name is not on the roll of any other State then North Carolina.

Sworn to & declared on this seventh day of May A.D. 1825 before the Superior Court of said County of Cumberland being a Court of Record.
[attested by John W. Wright, Clerk]

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, That Robert Ellis a private Soldier in Captain Fenner's [William Fenner's] Company of the 2nd Regiment was mustered on 3rd September 1776 for the term of three years; -- no remark being placed opposite his name, it is believed he served the term for which he enlisted. This belief is strengthened by a Warrant having issued in his name for three years service, on the Certificate of in Officer.

Given under my hand at the Office in Raleigh this 19th May 1825

S/ Wm Hill

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Raleigh 23rd May 1825

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th Instant came to hand this morning stating that the certificate I send you in favor of Robert Ellis did not agree with his declaration as to the Capt. under whom he served. I am sorry that I can do nothing more, or better for the old man, his name does not appear on the Rolls in any other place but the one from which I made the Certificate sent you. I have understood that the Captains were frequently changed in the course of the war and it is probable he served part of his time under Fenner and has forgotten it.

Respectfully yours

S/ Wm Hill

The Rev. John H. Pearce, Fayetteville North Carolina

Favor of Mr. J. Blake

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 19, 1839]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 17, 1825 for service as a private for 3 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]