

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ellison R3285
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Ellison John (Elison) VA R3285

State of Virginia

Munroe (sic, Monroe) County

On this the 16th day of March in the year of Our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Munroe & State of Virginia aforesaid John Elison (sic) a resident of the County of Munroe and State of Virginia aged seventy three years on the 7th day of Dec next 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.

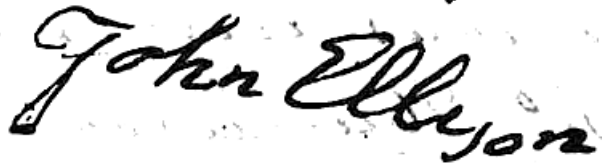
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served herein stated that he entered from Augusta County in the State of Virginia to Haws Creek in Greenbriar [Greenbrier] ___ Munroe County in the State of Virginia in the year 1778. He was enrolled in Captain John Henderson's Company and commenced his service as an Indian Spy. That on the 15th day of March in the year 1778 they detach themselves to Cooks Fort on Indian Creek and remained in Fort until the 1st day of October following when all appearance of the Indians disappearing he was dismissed from farther service during that Winter. That again on the 1st day of May 1779 he again entered the Service of his Country as an Indian (p3) Spy and was discharged on the first day of November following. That he again entered the service of his Country as an Indian Spy on the first day of May 1780 and continued in Service until the first day of November following when the people left the fort and he was discharged from farther service during the Winter. That on the 3rd day of March 1781 he again entered the service of his Country as an Indian Spy and continued un Service until the first day of November following. That in the year 1782 he again entered the service of his Country on the 15th or 16th of April and continued to serve until the 1st day of November following.

That in the early part of May 1778 A party of none persons under the Command of Lieutenant James Estill volunteered to go to the assistance of Donally's Fort in the lands of Greenbriar but himself and some others remained in order to guard Cooks Fort. That in the Summer of 1779 nothing very serious happened except the killing of William Bradshaw's wife the circumstances were those Bradshaw had remained at his cabbin (sic) with his family when they where they resided on Bradshaw's Run between Cooks Fort and Rafertys, that two men by the names of Manse and Harwood were returning from Rafertys Fort and called Bradshaw's to rest until about noon and informed

(p4) him where they had been. They had seen no signs of Indians but yet not thinking a family safe in such a place advised Bradshaw to leave it but he did not consent and some few hours after they started the house was attacked by a small party of Indians and one of them shooting through the door which was shut killed Mrs Bradshaw or at least wounded her so badly that she died that night –Nothing occurred in the Summer of 1780 except the surprising of John Pauler and James Pauler and their families who were moving through the country from some where East on their way to Kentucky while passing the east Fork of New River, they were surprised by a party of Indians and the wives of both the Paulers with their children were taken prisoners. John Pauler badly wounded who died the second night afterwards and James Pauler made his escape the

news came to Cooks Fort and a party went immediately dispatched to the place where the depredation had been committed but the Indians availing themselves of the advantages of the horses which the Paulers traveling on and packing (?) with had got so far the start that pursuit was thought useless. That in the early part of the year 1781 he was drafted to go to Rafertys Fort at the mouth of Indian Creek one of the tributary Streams of the New River. That the term of this (p 5) draft was three months & that he was commanded by Captain John Hutchison. That on the 1st day of March in the year 1781 A party of Indians eight in number came to Indian Creek and attacked the house of William Meek and made him prisoner together with his whole family consisting of eight or nine persons and thirteen or fourteen horses and a Quantity of baggage. Himself and twelve others immediately volunteered to go in pursuit of the Indians when they came to New River the Indians had taken the cunnoe (sic canoe) to cross and had let to go down River so that they were detained a day in getting across. After a fatiguing march of five days they came up with the Indians he thinks on the water of Paint, and succeeded in rescuing the prisoners and after an absence of eight days they all returned in safety. That after the expiration of the draft to the mouth of Indian Creek he was constantly engaged in Fort until the 1st of November in that year. That in the year 1782 nothing of consequence happened in his settlement but the settlers had been so much alarmed during the preceding Summer that they continued in their respective forts during the whole of that season. That the nature of his serves was to guard the Fort and stand as sentinel in his turn with his other companions.

(p6) That in the years 1778-1779-1780 he was commanded by the aforesaid Captain John Henderson and during the remainder of the time as before stated he was under the command of Captain Jno Huthison and that during the whole of the before named periods he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That he never received any written discharge for any of the services rendered his country. That he was born in the State of New Jersey on the River Delaware in the year 1761. Dec 7th according to the record of his father which he has now in his possession which will make him seventy three years old on the 7th day of Dec^r next. That he was living when called into service on Hans Creek in in the County of Greenbriar & state of Virginia now Munroe County and that he has been there ever since. That he acted as an Indian Spy by Order of the aforesaid Captains Henderson & Hutchison. That he is known to Jacob Cook and Adam Miller who live in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his good character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier and Indian Spy of the Revolution. That he has no documenting evidence and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service. (p7) He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. s/ John Ellison



Sworn to and subscribed
Before me and acting justice
Of the peace in and for the
County of Munroe the
Day and year aforesaid
s/ Joel Stogdill

We Jacob Cook a clergyman residing in the County of Munroe and State of Virginia and Adam Miller residing in the same County and State do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with

John Elison who has subscribed and sworn to the above or foregoing declarations. That we believe him to be Seventy (eighty overwriten) three years of age. That he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier and an Indian Spy of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed

s/ Jacob Cook

Before me an acting justice

s/ Adam Miller

Of the peace in and for the

County of Munroe the day

And year aforesaid

Joel Stodghill

(p8) and I the said justice of the peace in and for the County of Munroe and state of Virginia hereby declare my opinion after an investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the abovenamed applicant was a Revolutionary War soldier and Indian Spy and served as he states. I do further certify that it appears to me that Joel Cook who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County of Munroe and State of Virginia and that Adam Miller who has also signed the same is a resident in the County of Munroe and State of Virginia and is a creditable person and that the statement is entitled to credit.

Joel Stodghill

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Jacob Cook, clergy

Adam Miller, neighbor

Mary Swope