

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David M. Ellington R3288  
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Ellington David M                      R3288                      VA

(p2) State of Tennessee  
Claibon (sic) County

(Ed. Note: Claiborne County is adjacent to Cumberland Gap, Kentucky and Virginia)

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1834 personally appeared before the court of pleas and quarters Sessions held for said county the same being a court of record David Ellington a citizen of said county aged about seventy five years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress past (sic) 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832,

States that he enlisted in the service the united States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit, Enlisted under Captain Paine in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia, in the year of 1778 and marched under said Captain Paine to the State of Pennsylvania and joined the Fourth Regiment then commanded by Col Howard that he enlisted under said Captain Paine for and during the war, and after he had attached to the said fourth regiment in the State of Penselvany (sic henceforth I will attempt to correct spelling) he was marched to the state of South Carolina under the command of General Morgan to the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] where had a severe Battle with the British and Tories in which Battle we had a victory from thence we was

(p4) we was marched to Guilford Court House in the state of North Carolina where we again had a battle [March 15, 1781] with the British and Tories in which battle we was compelled to retreat. From thence we was marched to Richmond in the state of Virginia and thence to York Town in said state – and joined the main army commanded by General Washington at which place we remained until discharged as all hostilities ceased in the year 1781 with the British. He most positively states that he served in the War of the Revolution without intermission in all on the part of the United States three years and six months. He hereby relinquishes any 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 or territory whatever. Sworn and subscribed to the year and day first above written.

Sworn to in office

This the 17<sup>th</sup>

Of March 1834

Benj F Cloud clk

David Ellington x his mark

(p5 county certification)

(p6) Crittenden County KY 12Jan1850 David J Ellington and Martha Watson and her husband Amos Watson the only children of David M Ellington appointed attorney to pursue pension benefits for heirs.

(p10) Annapolis Land Office states that there was no Captain Paine in the Maryland Line

(p19) State of Kentucky

Crittenden County

On the 3rd day of January 1844 personally appeared before A Larrowe Esq a Justice of the peace in and for Crittenden County and state of Kentucky David M Ellington a resident of said County and state aged 97 years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1844 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 at Amelia Court House Virginia, and served in the Virginia State Line. He enlisted for the end of the war, and served three and a half years until its close. That from his extreme age and his consequent loss of memory he is unable to narrate many of the important incidents of the Revolutionary War in which he was engaged. That he has been recently been (sic) afflicted with a long spell of sickness, which has almost deprived him of recollection. After his enlistment in Amelia County Va he was marched to James River to oppose a British army that was invading that part of the Country. He was marched from thence with the army to the high hills of the Santos, from thence to Saluda River at or near Hammonds old store and mill which was then a very noted place. He there had an engagement with the enemy. Soon after he was in an engagement with the Tories near the Peedee Grove on Peedee River. He stated that he fought in the battle of Guilford Court House when Genl Green commanded the army after Genl Gates had been defeated at Camden. He then continued as a regular soldier in the infantry service with the continental service until Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown where he was & saw him deliver his sword.

(p20) He states that his recollection does not serve him accurately respecting his officers. As well as he can remember he served under Captain Philip Payne and Capt \_\_\_\_\_ Harrison, Lieutenant Joshua Hundley served in the same company with him. Throughout a greater part of the time in which he was engaged in the service, he served in the regiment of Col Pickens. He does not recollect the names of other officers. For still greater certainty he states that a cousin of his one David Motly enlisted at the same time and place as himself and that he remained with him until the close of the war. That this David Motly was wounded in the leg at the Battle of Guilford, and that several years since he wrote to his said cousin David Motly in order to avail himself of his testimony to substantiate his claim to a pension, but he then ascertained for the first time, that he was dead and since then he has not undertaken to do anything with his claim for the want of means.

That one Thomas Chandler who lived near him served with him in the army, but does not recollect whether he served in the same company. He states that he is unable at his advanced age and loss of memory to state positively the name of his Colonel under whom he served for the greater length of time. That last year before he was taken sick, he could have given the names of all his officers. He must therefore rely on whatever proof the rolls of the army may afford him.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

\_\_\_\_ J.T.Barbour

David M Ellington x his mark

(routine County supporting statements and certification the only one which has substance being p23 in which Rice B Linthicum had deposed in 1844 that he knew David Ellington and David Motley in Amelia County and does not doubt that they were soldier of the revolution.)

(p28 State of Tennessee  
Claiborne County

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1834 personally appeared before the court David Ellington and made this amendment upon oath to his declaration for a pension which said declaration was made the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1834. He states as follows. That some time in the summer of 1779 as well as he can recollect that he enlisted in the Continental establishment for and during the war in the County of Amelia in the state of Virginia under Capt Paine and that he was marched from there to the state of Pennsylvania where he was attached to the regiment of regulars commanded by colonel Howard and we marched to various places. We marched to Baltimore where we were stationed for about two months and from there we marched to a place near the Brandywine battleground where we remained for some time and we then marched in to the state of North Carolina where we joined General Morgan. We then marched to various places in the state of North Carolina and to Guilford Court House when we was stationed for some time and from thence in the

(p29) early part of winter we marched to the state of South Carolina and early in the year of 1781 we fought a very severe battle with the British at the Cowpens where we defeated the British. Applicant states that he had no wounds in the battle although he was in the engagement from the commencement until the end. Applicant states that the army then marched to Guilford Court House in the state of North Carolina when we had a battle with the British and they defeated us and from there we marched to Yorktown where we arrived about the first of a month of October in said year of 1781 and we remained there during the siege and after Wallises (sic) surrender this applicant was marched to Todd Bridge where he was stationed to guard the prisoners and that he was stationed there until the army was disbanded and that I then recd my discharge from whom I do not recollect and returned home after having been three years and six months in the army which said discharge I have list or have laid so that I cannot

(p30) Applicant states that he recvd no wounds in any of the battles in which he was engaged. He say (sic) that he belonged to the United States troops instead of the line of Virginia as he supposed. He knows of no living testimony by whom he can prove his claim

Sworn to in open

David Ellington x his mark

Court the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept

1834 Benj F Cloud clerk

(routine certification by Benjamin F Cloud etc etc)

(p31) Nov 1853, Crittenden County, Thomas C Barnett deposition names David Ellington Jr, Nathan Ellington and Martha Ellington Watson as the only known children of David M Ellington, deceased in 1845 or 6.

(p32) John H and Elizabeth Bruff depose to same facts as p31.

(p35 the declaration referred to in other pages)

Rice B Linthicam deposes that he knew David Ellington, his brother Leonard Ellington, and David Motley in Pittsylvania County Va.