

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore (Ilmer) R3325      Anna Martha Ellmore    PA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

The Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania.

The petition of Hannah Elmore humbly sheweth, that your petitioner is the widow of Frederick Elmore a soldier of the Revolutionary War who enlisted in the City of Philadelphia in the Spring of 1776 for during the war in the Regiment commanded by Colonel White and in the company of Captain Gray or Johnston [see endnote] and was shortly after marched to Savannah in the state of Georgia and your petitioner was married to the said Frederick Elmore in the year 1777 and now is in reduced circumstances, and in great want of assistance and being informed that your honourable body has in such like cases bestowed pensions to widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary War, induces your petitioner to throw herself upon the clemency of your honourable body with a hope that you will take her case into your serious consideration, she being now in the 66 year of her age, feeble, sickly, and having had an arm broke, all which induces her to ask aid and she as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed in the presence of Geo. Miller/ Leonard Frailey      Hannah herXmark Elmore

Jan'y 17 1824    This is to Certefey that I the Subscriber Do Certifey that the Bearer Hana Hilmore her Husband Fredirik Hilmore was Inlisted here in Philadelphia in Col Wites Battalion Bound to Georia and that they was Married here as I was [several illegible words]

[signed] Jacob Lentz    [signed] George Rich

State of Pennsylvania    }  
County of Philadelphia    } Ss

On this fifth day of May AD 1837 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Philadelphia Anna Martha Elmore a resident of the district of the Northern Liberties in the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty years who being first duly affirmed according to Law doth on her solemn affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836 that she is the widow of Frederick Wilhelm Ilmer alias Elmore dec'd who was a sergeant in the Revolutionary war in Col. White's German Regiment [sic: see endnote], that he enlisted at Philadelphia (where he resided at the time) near the commencement of the Revolution for the term of during the war and served untill the war ended and received his discharge which was given into the hands of Mr Fraly in the year 1827 to obtain his pension from the State of Pennsylvania and his land and that said Fraly has since died and due search has since been made for his discharge but cannot be found, and she further states that she went out with her husband the said Frederick Wilhelm Ilmer alias Elmore in the Army three weeks after they were married and remained with him in the service untill he was discharged at the close of the war, and that she nursed the sick and wounded in the army. she further states that her husband the said Frederick Wilhelm Ilmer alias Elmore was in several engagements and that she was with him at Charleston South Carolina during the southern Campaign, she further declares that she was married to the said Frederick Wilhelm Ilmer alias Elmore on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1777 as appears by the annexed certificate from the marriage record that her husband the aforesaid Frederick Wilhelm Ilmer alias Elmore died in the year 1815 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed

Anna Martha herXmark Elmore

On the seventeenth of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, by authority of a permission from Colonel White, were lawfully married Friedrick Wilhelm Ilmer, a native of Silesia, and Anna Martha Fiesin [Anna Martha Fies].

That the above is a true Extract from the Registers of the German Lutheran Congregation of St Michaels & Zion, I certify with my hand and seal.  
Philadelphia/ April 29<sup>th</sup> 1837. Chs. R. Demmi/Pastor of the said Congreg.

State of Pennsylvania } Ss  
County of Philadelphia }

On this Nineteenth day of August AD 1837 Before me John Laws one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Philadelphia personally appeared Peter Kline and being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that he was personally acquainted with Frederick Wilhelm Elmore who was a Sergeant in Col. Whites Regiment during the Revolutionary War and he knew him to be in the Battle of Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and at the Battle of Princeton [3 Jan 1777] and that he went on with the army to South Carolina and Georgia during the Southern Campaign and that he remained in the service until the Close of the War, and, deponent further states that he was personally acquainted with Anna Martha Elmore before and since her marriage with Frederick Wilhelm Elmore and that he knew her to be in the service with her husband from the time they were married until the close of the war. [signed] Peter Kline

Treasury Office of Pennsylvania/ Harrisburg, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1838

I do hereby Certify that Hannah Elmore of Philadelphia County, was placed on the pension list of this Commonwealth by an Act of Assembly passed the twentyeth day of March, one thousand eight hundred & twenty four, and that she has received her pension at the rate of forty dollars per annum, since that time. Witness my hand and seal of Office. Dan'l. Sturgeon Treasurer

State of Pennsylvania }  
Philadelphia County ss }

On this twenty second day of May AD 1838 personally appeared before me the Subscriber an Alderman and Justice of the Peace, in and for the said County and State aforesaid Anna Martha Elmore or Ilmore, who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on her solemn affirmation declare and say, that she is the widow of Frederick Wilhelm Elmore or Ilmore, and that they Married on the seventeenth day of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, a few days after our Marriage she left her Fathers House and went into the army with her Husband, who was at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. they encamped at White Marsh and staid there during the winter, and in the Spring they were sent to New Jersey. He was at the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], and from thence they proceeded on towards Kings Bridge the winter before they marched for the South, they staid at Jockeys Hollow near Morristown and were marched on to Charleston South Carolina, and she further states her Husband was at the Battle of Camden [see endnote], the affirmant was at Savannah, during the time the Army lay in Georgia [see endnote], was also personally acquainted with Mr. Cope who was a butcher and went out with the army, he lived near Father's in the Northern Liberties previous to his joining them. Their first child was born at Mr Copes at a little Town called Ebenezer, and her Husband requested Mr. Cope to let her remain there untill after she was confined. Her child died and was buried there. Her Husband the said Frederick Wilhelm Elmore or Ilmore was at the Battle of Savannah [see endnote], after this the Troops were sent home; on our arrival at Philadelphia, we lay in the Barracks, we were poor and oblidged to stay until we could get a room, the affirmant further states that she remained in the Army with her Husband, until they returned from the South, except the time of her confinement and a short time that Lady Washington took her to her quarters [see endnote] She Elmore or Ilmore nursed the sick and wounded and washed for the Officers, and it does appear to her to be very hard, not being able to do any thing and oblidged to live on Forty Dollars, the Lord has been so kind to give me. She further states that it appears like a dream to her, but thinks that colonel Farmer [unidentified] commanded the Regiment at the Close of the War to which her Husband belonged and knows that Colonel White had, because she washed for him a long time when he commanded the said Regiment

Anna Martha herXmark Elmore or Ilmore

State of Pennsylvania } Ss  
City Philadelphia }

On this Thirtieth day of June AD 1838 Personally appeared before me an Alderman and Exofficio Justice of the Peace in and for the said City Timothy Caldwell, aged upwards of seventy years, who being duly affirmed according to Law, doth depose and say, that he was personally acquainted with Frederick Wilhelm Elmore since the year seventeen hundred and ninety up to the time of his death. And that he, deponent, has frequently heard him, the said Elmore relate the history of his services during the Revolutionary War and that he was a Sergeant in White's Regiment, as Deponent believes, and that he served during the whole Revolutionary War, and that he was at the Battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine and Germantown, and some other scrimmages, not at present recolected. He the said Elmore was sent off to the south during the Southern campaign, and remained there until seventeen hundred & Eighty two. He, deponent, and Elmore after the Revolution, worked together in a Lumber Yard in the Northern Liberties. Deponent has heard a William Smith speak of the said Elmore's services who was with him during the war, and corroborated his statements. Sergeant Elmore's character being so well known to me, that I should place the utmost confidence in his statements. [signed] Tim'y Caldwell

In the Matter of Mrs Anna Martha Ellmore.

Peter Kline a resident of the County of Philadelphia duly sworn according to Law doth upon his oath make the following declaration. That he is now sick and unable to go to Court. that for this reason he makes his deposition before the Justice. That he was well acquainted with Frederick Ellmore in his lifetime and remembers that he enlisted in the Dutch or German Battalion called Armands Corps [see endnote] who were principally enlisted in the Northern Liberties of said City. That said Frederick was a Corporal or Sergeant in said Battalion. He remembers that Mrs Ellmore went with her said husband from this City to the war and returned with him when it was over. That deponant is now about Seventy Six years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this first day of September AD 1838 [signed] Peter Kline

In the Matter of the Claim of Mrs Hannah Elmore for a Pension.

Personally came into open court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia Mary Painter a resident of the County of Philadelphia aged about Seventy Four Years and upwards who being duly sworn according to Law doth depose and say. That she was well acquainted with Frederick Elmore in his life time as well as with his wife Mrs Anna Martha Ellmore. That deponent was the bridesmaid of the said Parties when they were married. That deponent was present when the said Frederick Ellmore was enlisted. that deponent lived at the time in the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia. That the said Frederick was enlisted in the German Battalion called Armands Corps that he was then placed in the Barracks of the army then in the Northern Liberties. this She thinks was in the year 1776 before the British came into Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777]. deponent saw the said Frederick in his uniform and was present at their marriage which took place about a week or Ten days after he was enlisted by the Reverend Mr [Henry Melchoir] Muhlenberg then the Pastor of the German Lutheran Church of St. Michaels & Zion, in the City of Philadelphia. The marriage took place at a Tavern in Third Street in the Northern Liberties, called the Cross Keys it being still a Tavern. Witness officiated as a brides maid to the said Anna Martha. Deponant further states that she saw the said Frederick in his uniform which was blue trimmed up with red. He was made a Sergeant as deponant then understood and believed. deponant further states that she saw the said Frederick march from the said Barracks. She thinks early in the fall and saw Mrs Ellmore in the Baggage wagon going toward the Schuylkill River. Deponant knows that both her husband and Mrs Ellmore were out all the war.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me in open Court of Common Pleas on this First day of September AD 1838 Mary herXmark Painter  
[Wilhelmina Sullender, about 70, made a similar statement.]

[The handwriting in the following is extremely poor.]

State of Pennsylvania }  
County of Philadelphia }

On this Twenty third day of May AD 1838 personally appeared before me an Alderman and Justice of the peace in and for the said County and State aforesaid Ann Nice Aged Eighty two years Resident of the County, who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth declare and say, that she was personally acquainted with Anna Martha Elmore, before she was Married to Frederick Wilhelm Elmore, they both lived in the City and County, and were in the habit of visiting each other; a few days after the Marriage of Anna Martha, she left her Father's house, and went with her husband the said Frederick Wilhelm Elmore into the Army. She Declarant, was in the Service and saw Anna Martha Elmore at Morristown at the time they were Encamped together during the winter of seventeen hundred and seventy nine in a place called Jockey Hollow, and they washed together while there; and believes to the best of her knowledge it was just before the Battle of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], that Serjeant Frederick Wilhelm Elmore was transfered to another Company and marched for the South; and then it was that she affirmant lost sight of them, and did not see them again until the Troops were discharged and returned from the Southward.

Ann herXmark Nice

Pennsylvania SS  
Philadelphia County S.S.

In the Matter of the Claim of Mrs Anna Martha Ellmore for a Pension.

Personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia on the tenth day of November AD 1838 George Ellmore [undeciphered word] officer of the Northern Liberties aged Forty Nine Years and upwards who being duly sworn according to Law says that he is the son of Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore and the son of Anna Martha Ellmore. That he often remembers to have heard his father speak of his being out in the Revolutionary War and of the facts of his being married as stated by Mrs Painter and Mrs Sullender in this case. That he understood that the Regiment to which his father belonged was commanded by Colonel White. That he understood from his father as well as by his Mother that his mother went with the troops and remained out until His father returned to Philadelphia and was discharged being out all the war. That he heard his father state that he was at Charleston and Savannah and at different places in the South with the Army – when Deponant was about twelve years of age, and Individual Came to his fathers and informed him that there was money coming to him in Germany from whence he came originally to this Country. That said Person prevailed upon deponent for them to give him his papers [undeciphered word] when he came to this Country. That among those Papers was his fathers discharge from the Service. That witness often seen the said discharge, but from his youth at the time he is now unable to specify the particulars of it. That he often in years past seen old revolutionary Soldiers at his fathers and particularly a man of the name of Jacob Lentz now deceased many years That they often spoke of being out together, and of being taken by the British – at the South. That his father died before they ever heard anything from the Individual who carried his papers to Germany and deponant often heard him regret the loss of his Papers and charge that person with being a rogue. That neither deponant nor his mother ever since have hear of any thing of the man or the Papers. That Deponant thinks from the different conversations that he heard between his father and himself and other Revolutionary Soldiers that he is of the opinion that his father was in the artillery – as he often spoke of being black with powder He never hear of him speak of the Infantry but allways of the Big Guns – and always spoke of the artillery. Deponent also swears expressly that he never heard of any one in Pennsylvania of the name of Ellmore and he believes from the difficulty which has occurred in finding his name upon the rolls, and from certain hints dropped by his father in his lifetime, that he would have enlisted under another name than Frederick William Ellmore, but what that name was deponant cannot state – deponent means by this that his father did not use his first name of Frederick Wilhelm or William. That his father in his life time was well known in the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia as a Revolutionary Soldier and upon all public occasions, he was recognized as such.

[signed] George Ellmore

State of Pennsylvania } Ss.  
City of Philadelphia }

On this third day of September 1840 Personally appeared before me John Binns: Alderman, Duly chosen, Commissioned and sworn, In and for the City of Philadelphia. Margaret Patterson, widow aged 77 years past who being by me duly sworn according to Law Doth on her oath declare, that she is well acquainted with Hannah Elmore widow of Frederick Elmore (deceasd) who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution. While the American Army for some time lay in Charleston, South Carrolina [see endnote]; I lived with Mr. Frederick Kisselman and wife. at this time Frederick and Hannah frequently call'd at our house, Mr. Kisselman often asked them to eat, which they readily accepted; my understanding dutch [German], and Elmore being a German, I frequently talked with him. After the war, Mr. Kisselman Removed to Philad'a. and some time after to Burlington New Jersey where I lived with them, untill I married. I then lived in Philadelphia where I met Frederick Elmore and his wife Hannah and altho a number of years had passed, I knew them again and have in his lifetime frequently talked with them about our first acquaintance. This is the same Hannah Elmore, who was in the army with her Husband Frederick Elmore through the war. and further saith not. Margaret herXmark Patterson

State of Pennsylvania } Ss.  
County of Philadelphia }

On the tenth of December 1841 Personally appeared before me Charlton Potts one of the Aldermen in and for the County afores'd duly Commissioned and acting as such. Anna Martha Ellmore, widow of Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore (dec'd) who being duly sworn according to Law Doth on her oath declare; That she was married to Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore at the commencement of the war of the Revolution. That he Enlisted in the County of Philadelphia in the army of the U. States and marched to the Delaware above Trenton, under Gen'l Washington, and after crossing, assisted in taking the Hessions [sic: Hessians] at Trenton in December 1776. I marched with him and assisted in Cooking & washing for the Troops. After some time (I cannot say how long) the detachment to which he belonged, marched to the South went through Maryland into Virginia, where we took vessels, and arrived at Savannah in the State of Georgia: after being here a short time, the Enemy came and attact our men [29 Dec 1778]. in the meantime we women were placed in an old out house or cellar, untill we retreated and went to Charleston in South Carrolina. my husband was wounded in the leg, near the knee. I after assisted in dressing the wounded. I remember one poor man, by name of John Lugley, a Seargent; who died immediately after we dressed his wound. Here my self & husband met with good friends – a Mr. Kisselman and Lady gave us often victuals. by and through the hand of a woman who lived with them we were often fed. She understanding Dutch. my memory has become so poor, I cannot but remember as a dream. I know my husband was in a number of battles, and was discharged at the close of the war. I can remember a few of the officers names. Captains Gray Capt. Johnson, Ensign Humphreys and Collonel White. I think he was from the jerseys. I washed for a number, but cannot tell at this late day. I am not able to tell my age, but believe I am past 90. I have gone through great hardships for which I now solicit such assistance as have granted to the widows of Soldiers, who faithfully served their Country.

Anna Martha herXmark Ellmore

State of Pennsylvania } ss  
County of Philadelphia }

On the 10th day of December, 1841 Personally appeared before me, Joseph Smith, an alderman of the County of Philadelphia, duly commission'd, and acting as such, Peter Kline; To me well known. who being duly sworn according to Law: Doth, on his Oath declare; That he was well acquainted with Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore of the Pennsylvania line, in the War of the Revolution, now deceased. That he was a soldier, under General Washington, in the year 1776. crossed the Delaware as such, and assisted in taking the Hessions at Trenton, New Jersey. I also remember his wife, Anna Martha Ellmore, and am now well acquainted with her; that she went with her husband as far as the river Delaware, but I believe did not

go over; I remember, she assisted in making fires and cooking for the Troops. after the taking the Hessians, and the Prisoners having crossed into Pennsylvania I returned home. This achievement being on my birthday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of December; I was fifteen years of age. The army moveing into different directions, I cannot remember, but from heresay what became of Ellmore & wife, but do believe, she continued with him through a great part of the war. She is far advanced in years and is very poor.

[signed] Peter Kline

In the Matter of the Claim of Mrs Anna Martha Ellmore widow of Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore. Personally appeared Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in Nether Providence Delaware County Pennsylvania George Heizer aged Ninety Two years and upwards who being duly sworn according to Law saith that whilst in the army he remembers the said Ellmore and often heard his name but cannot remember the corps or Regiment to which he belonged. But he remembers that this said Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore belonged to the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia. after his discharge deponent returned to Delaware County where he resided and he presumes that is the reason why he did not see more of the said Ellmore.  
Sworn & subscribed Before me this Tenth day of June AD 1842 George hisXmark Heizer

#### NOTES:

In the Revolutionary War it was not unusual for some wives and other “camp followers” to travel with the troops.

The German Regiment was commanded by Lt. Col. Ludowick Weltner. Heitman’s *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution* lists only two Col. Whites. Lt. Col. Anthony Walton White from New Jersey commanded the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Continental Dragoons, which was organized in Philadelphia in February 1777. Col. John White from North Carolina commanded the 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment, which was also organized in Philadelphia in February 1777. It ceased to exist after the Siege of Savannah late in 1779, but Col. John White continued to serve until captured at the surrender of Charleston on 12 May 1780. The phrase “Col Wites Battalion Bound to Georia,” in the 1824 certificate by Lentz and Rich suggests that Ellmore’s Col. White was John White. However, in one testimony Anna Martha Ellmore stated that she thought Col. White was “from the jerseys.”

If Ellmore enlisted in 1776 it could not have been in the regiment of either Col. White. I could find no record of a Captain Gray or Johnston in their regiments.

The Battle of Camden refers to either the battle near Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780 or the Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden on 25 Apr 1781.

“during the time the Army lay in Georgia” could refer to the period before the British captured Savannah on 29 December 1778, or to the period from February 1782 until the British evacuated Savannah on 11 July 1782. During the latter period the Americans were encamped at Ebenezer GA.

The phrase “Battle of Savannah” usually refers to the siege from 24 Sep till 19 Oct 1779, in which Col. John White participated. It might also refer to one of the skirmishes in the vicinity of Savannah, especially the skirmish at Ebenezer on 23 June 1782. The latter appears more consistent with Anna Martha Ellmore’s statement that they lived at Ebenezer and returned to Philadelphia soon afterward.

In 1777 Col. Charles Armand, a Frenchman, was given command of about 80 men, about half of whom were soon killed or wounded. By the summer of 1778 Armand had replenished his troops, then known as the Partizan Corps. Armand’s Partizan Corps fought at the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780.

“Lady Washington” might refer to Jane Elliott Washington, whom Lt. Col. William Washington married on 21 April 1782 and who lived near Charleston. Lt. Col. Washington commanded the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons, also known as Lady Washington’s Dragoons.

“While the American Army for some time lay in Charleston, South Carrolina:” From later statements this appears to have been after Savannah was captured by the British at the end of 1779, but before the siege of Charleston in the spring of 1780.

The following is a chronology of events that Frederick Wilhelm and Anna Martha Ellmore were

said to have participated in:

1776

Dec 26 Battle of Trenton

1777

Jan 3 Battle of Princeton

May Georgia Continentals arrive by ship at St. Marys River on GA-FL border

July 17 Marriage

Aug 7 Sgt. Ellmore and wife leave Philadelphia for the South

Sep 11 Battle of Brandywine

Oct 4 Battle of Germantown

1778

Jun 28 Battle of Monmouth

Dec 29 British capture Savannah

1779

spring Retreat to Charleston SC

Sep 24 Start of American siege of Savannah

Oct 19 End of siege of Savannah

1780

Aug 16 Battle of Camden SC

1781

Apr 25 Battle of Hobkirk Hill

1782

Feb Americans under Gen. Anthony Wayne encamped at Ebenezer GA outside Savannah

Jun 23 Skirmish at Ebenezer GA

Jul 11 British evacuate Savannah

On 6 May 1837 George Elmore (as he then signed) stated that he had seen the discharge of Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore.

On 30 June 1838 Eleanor Kramer, 74, former widow of George Gosnell (pension application W5016) and of William Russwurm (W3390), stated that Gosnell had served with William Ellmore in the South. There are other testimonials in the 123-page file.

Anna Martha Ellmore's claim was rejected because proof of her husband's service and their marriage was deemed insufficient. Efforts to find Frederick Wilhelm Ellmore's or Ilmer's name in the rosters of the Pennsylvania Continental Line were unsuccessful, of course.

On 27 April 1847 George Ellmore as the son and only heir of Anna Martha Ellmore assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim for a pension.