

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Ellis S3331

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State of Tennessee, County of Jackson: August Term 1832 Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

On this thirteenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before Samuel Hannah, Jones Griffith, James Taylor, Joseph Hawkins, William Rash, John Lavezer [?] and Richard F. Cooke and James W. Smith, Justices the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County of Jackson now sitting, being a court of record, Ephraim Ellis, a resident of said County of Jackson and State of Tennessee aged about eighty-two 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Mecklenburg County State of Virginia October 9, 1750 and in June or July 1776 he said Ephraim Ellis entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Gordon and Col. John Lyles [John Lisle], the other officers not recollected, he then resided in Union County South Carolina State and volunteered for three months – marched to the frontiers of South Carolina to protect the inhabitants from Indian depredations a few days before his term of service expired he obtained a permit to return home on account of the situation of his family, but received no regular written discharge.

About the last of August or first of September 1777 still a resident of said County of Union he said claimant again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for one year under Captain David Dixon, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Robert Curenton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Frederick Lipham, Colonel Samuel Jack and marched under said officers into the State of Georgia to Fort Wells at fork of Ogeechee River, crossed main Savannah River below the mouth of Broad River, served six months and a half and there being no further use for the service the troops with whom he served, he was permitted by his officers to return home as were the balance of the troops but received no written discharge.

He said claimant then removed to Rutherford County State of North Carolina where he again entered the service of the United States about the first December 1778 under Col. Andrew Hampton, Col. Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Hamright [Frederick Hambright], General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington] who commanded the brigade, Captain Gilky [sic, probably Robert Gilkey or Gilkie] and Adjutant Lowry, as a Substitute for Thomas Roland who was drafted for three months, he said Claimant marched from Rutherford County where he entered the service to Camden State of South Carolina to general rendezvous where he joined the Army under General Lillington, then marched to Charleston State of South Carolina and joined the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] who commanded the Army there, served out his time and received a discharge from said Colonel Hampton which discharge is lost. The only a regular officer he recollects to have served with was General Lincoln.

Being still a resident of Rutherford County State of North Carolina he said claimant again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer first of May 1779 under the command of Captain Gilkey, Colonel Commandant Hampton, Major Robert Porter marched to Pacolet River about first

August of the same year was in Battle [perhaps a reference to the engagement at Thicketty Fort, July 26, 1780] against the British and Tories who were commanded by Captain Dunlap [sic, Patrick Moore] who commanded a troop of dragoons & Tories – another Regiment was in the engagement commanded by Colonel Charles McDowell – he claimant served five months and was permitted to return home there being no further use or the Army. He said Ephraim Ellis was in the service of the United States at the several times above stated in all 18 months on account of the situation of the Country where he resided, there being a great many Tories ravaging the Country and dispersed in different places there was less regularity in discharging the troops then probably in many other parts of the country the troops was only kept in service whilst there was need for them.

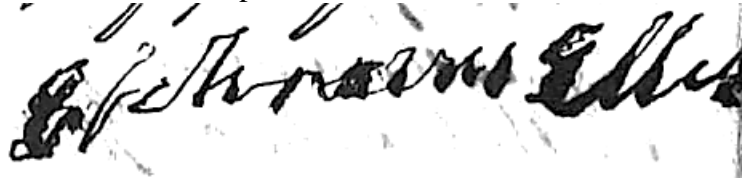
He has no documentary evidence of his service. Since the Revolutionary War he has lived on Nolichucky River in Green County State of Tennessee, head of Saluda State of South Carolina, Washington County State of Kentucky, Barren County, Kentucky State, and now resides in Jackson County State of Tennessee. His age was recorded in the family Bible of his father but does not know where it now is. The persons who live in said Claimant's neighborhood where he now resides and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are, Philip Mulkey, Robert Kirkpatrick and Abram Denton. John Woods whose statement will be annexed can testify to said claimants entering the service in second tour and his returning home, he knows of no other surviving witness who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 1832.

S/ William Gailbreath, Clerk of said Court

S/ Ephraim Ellis

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ephraim Ellis", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a vertical line that serves as a separator.

I John Woods of Jackson County State of Tennessee having been first duly sworn did declare on oath that I saw Ephraim Ellis the foregoing claimant enter the service of the United States about the last of August 1777 as a volunteer under Captain David Dixon, Lieutenant Curenton, Second Lieutenant Frederick Lipham the other officers not recollected and I saw him return home I think about the last of March 1778.

S/ John Woods, X his mark

[Philip Mulkey, a clergyman, and Abraham Denton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee County of Jackson: November Term 1832 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions –

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Tandy K Witcher, William Gray and Jonas Griffith Justices of said court for the County of Jackson Ephraim Ellis the foregoing applicant a resident of said County aged as mentioned in the foregoing declaration who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration.

That John Woods who was a witness for six months and a half service of said applicant resided in Union County South Carolina at the time applicant entered the service said witness proves and when he left the same and attended to applicant's business during part of the time he was absent in said service. That said Woods cannot prove any other service of said applicant, nor can said applicant prove his services by any other surviving witness within his knowledge.

S/ Ephraim Ellis

*Ephraim Ellis*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$58.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 17 ½ months primarily in the South Carolina militia but also in the North Carolina militia.]