

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ellison S3334
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Ellison John VA S3334

(p2) A certificate in Fayette (Twp of Lawrence County) Ohio
15 months in Captain Trigg's Company of Vir^a Mil^a
\$50/annum issued 23Mar1833

(p3) Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June
7th, 1832

State of Ohio Court of Com. Pleas of August Term 1832
Lawrence County

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the court of common pleas held at Burlington in & for the court of Lawrence aforesaid, now sitting, John Ellison, a resident of Fayette Township in the county of Lawrence aforesaid, age about 70 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 assed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated-

Firstly-In the year 1777-as he believes-he resided in Bedford County Virginia-now Franklin County-he enlisted as a Volunteer for the term of three months in the company commanded by Capt Rentfro-for the function of guarding the county against the Indians-Enlisted at Bedford County-immediately marched to place of rendezvous at Big Springs in Botetourt. From there went with the company to Widow Kents on Round Oak Creek, North Fork=thence to Robert Kings near the head of said Creek-thence marched to Withers' J Potts (?) on Sinking Creek-remained in Bottetourt (sic, Botetourt) during the whole term-at the expiration of which he was discharged-signed by Capt W^m Rentfro-which discharge has been long since lost-discharged at Robert Kings on Round Oak-It was in the summer season-went home in the fall-Don't remember the moths-

Secondly-He served another term of three months-as a substitute for his Father Amos Ellison-who was a drafted militia-Declarant & his father still resided in Bedford County 40 miles west of New London-the court house-This term was performed in the summer of 1778 or 1779he cannot say which year, or what month-He entered into the company commanded by Lieut. Gilbert-There was no Capt-Marched from Bedford County (New London) to Crows Ferry on James River-guarding magazine which they took from New London to said Ferry to prevent Enemy taking it-After some weeks-they went back to New London in Bedford with the magazine-There were about 40 men-He remained in New London till his term expired-when he was

(p4) when he was discharged by the same Lieutenant ↑Preston↓ Gilbert-His discharge has been long since lost.

Thirdly-In the same fall he believes-he was again drafted from Bedford County to perform a term of three months service. He obeyed his draft, entered the service under Captain John Trigg, remained with him at New London some days-then marched toward Norfolk in Virginia- went

three miles – when we were met by Col^o English-who brought news that our service was not needed- & this declarant was then discharged with the rest of his company. There were about 100 men in all.

Fourthly: In the year 1780 in the Fall with others making up a Regt volunteered to perform a term of three months service. – Declarant entered into Captain Arthur’s Company who was quickly after succeeded by Capt John Smith.- marched from Bedford County to Petersburg in Virginia- Then he continued till tho the term was not quite expired, declarant was discharged by Col^o Lynch who commanded the Regt – The subaltern officers in declarant company were 1st Lieut Moses Greene & Lieut George Turnbull & Ensign James Burns- orderly Serg^t Guy Smith – Major Lawson _____ - Was in no battle – Did enough duty at Petersburg – Lay close by Bannisters Bridge –

Fifthly – In the year 1781- sometime before the surrender of Cornwallis – he was again drafted from Bedford County to perform a term of three months –marched under Capt. John Trigg from Bedford to Yorktown – arrived there about the commencement of the siege – was there during the whole siege -& after the surrender was discharged (about three or four days after) by Capt. Trigg – I went home –

This declarant would here state positively that all the above terms of service were performed faithfully & in all cases he was duly discharged. But he is not certain that they were performed in the order of time above stated- His greatest doubt is about the period when he served the 2d term above specified- It may be that it was performed after the third term above specified-

[Ed. Note: apparently the clerk recorded answer to standard interrogatories without writing the questions. The reader may find them in the three page War Department forms copied into various pension files, especially those which were initially rejected e.g. _____]

1.He states that he was born in East Jersey in Burlington County – moved to Pennsylvania then to Maryland near Baltimore &

(p5) next to Bedford in Virginia when he was about nine or ten years old – remained there till about 1810 – except he was in Montgomery County & other places two or three years – Lived in that part of Bedford County which was cut off to Franklin County- Came to Lamar (?Lawrence) County Ohio in 1811 where he has since & now resides-

2. He has no record of his age- Believes he was born Sept 9.1761

3. Resided in Bedford – now Frankling (sic Franklin) in Virginia during the war

4. Entered the service as before stated 1 as a volunteer 2 as a substitute for his father – 3 he was drafted 4 Volunteered & lastly he was a substitute for his father.

5- Cannot name any other officers particularly – Washington & Lafayette excepted, He served as a private in all cases – was always discharged as before stated – which lost or misplaced many years ago –

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court

Attest Jos Wheeler Clerk

↓*6 He has no documentary evidence nor any witness by whom he can prove his service in this section of country-
↓He knows of no persons to refer to who can state any particular testimony evidence of his service except Judge
↓Wm Miller & Elisha McGuire have heard something in
↓relation to his service & whom he wishes to be examined.

s/ John Ellison

Mr. Elisha McGuire & William Miller, residents of Burlington in the county of Lawrence do certify that we are well acquainted with John Ellison who has submitted & sworn to the above declarations, & that we believe him to be 70 years of age – and the said William miller says he has heard said John Ellison & his father who was in the revolution, often talk of their service years ago & believes that his father had no doubt of the service of said John Ellison – and the said Elisha B Greene says he has often talked with Ellison on the subject of his service in the Revolution & has heard said Ellison speak of his service as states his declaration – years ago - & he believes he has heard one Overstreet of this county (a revolutionary soldier) speak of said Ellison’s service and said Miller & Greene agree in opinion that said Ellison was a soldier in the revolution, but they cannot say that it is a matter of general reputation that he was a soldier neither have they known it doubted that said Ellison was a soldier – they know nothing either way except as above set forth -

s/ Elisha B Greene

Sworn & subscribed the day

s/ W^m Miller

& year aforesaid

Attest Jos Wheeler Clerk

(p6) routine county certification

(p9-10) Letter of response to inquiry under the hand of Winfield Scott (unsigned)