

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

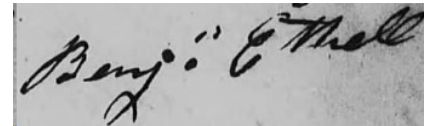
Pension Application of Benjamin Ethell (Athell) S35286 VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 19 Jan 2014.

State of Kentucky  
Warren County Sct.

This day Benjamin Ethell personally appeared before me Benjamin Shackelford sole judge of the Circuit Court for Warren county af'd. in the State of Kentucky, and made the following statement of facts on oath

"I Benjamin Ethell now a citizen of Warren County & state of Kentucky do solemnly declare that I served in the war of the Revolution between this Country & Britain three years, was inlisted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777 and as well as I can remember sometime in May following I was made corporal. I went out in Capt. Francis Willis's Company & was made Corporal while therein he resigned & I was put into Capt Nath'l. Mitchell's [Nathaniel Mitchell's] company & still retained my office I all the time belonged to the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment on the continental establishment commanded by Col William Grayson a while, & afterwards I think by Col. [Nathaniel] Gist We belonged to Brigadier Gen'l Charles Scott's Brigaade. The Division was commanded by Maj. Gen'l. Stephens [sic: Adam Stephen] for a time & afterwards by the Marquis De la Fayette [Lafayette]. I served out the full term of three years for which I inlisted & continued in the office of Corporal all the time. After I was appointed. I inlisted in Virginia but served the most of the time in Pensylvania & the Jerseys & New York at the end of the term I was honorably discharged My original discharge is now lost or out of my power I gave it to a brother of mine who now lives in the State of Virginia, something like thirty years ago. I was in the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & also in that of Stony Point [storming of Stony Point, 16 Jul 1779] & in several other scouts I am now about Sixty one years of age & am growing very feeble I have no one to Assist me in supporting myself & wife; my children have all left me. I am in reduced circumstances & stand in need of the assistance of my Country for a support & am desirous of obtaining the relief provided by a late act of Congress for those who have served in the Revolutionary war & are so circumstanced And I hereby relinquish all pensions heretofore granted me by the Governm[ent] of the United States

Witness my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1818



State of Kentucky  
Clarke [sic: Clark] Circuit Sct

On this 15 day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record (expressly made so by the laws of the State of Kentucky which created it) for the said Circuit Benjamin Ethell some times called Athel aged sixty three years resident in Clarke County in said Circuit who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He was enlisted on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1777. He was some time in Capt. Francis Willis's company and afterwards belonged to Capt. Nathaniel Mitchells company – and acted as corporal in both companies. He belonged all the time to the 16<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the continental establishment commanded by Col William Grayson a while and afterwards he thinks by Col Guess in the Brigade commanded by Brigadier Gen Charles Scott. The Division was commanded by Major General Stephens at first and afterwards by the Marquis dela Fayette. He served out the full term of three years, the time for which he was enlisted. He was in the battle of Monmouth and also in that of Stony point. He made his original declaration on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1818 but he has never yet received any pension – which statement annexed to this with the proofs therein take. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any

manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. One horse and one mare and colt lent by me about six or seven months ago to one of my sons to go to Missourie but whether they are alive at this time or not I do not know

Benjamin Ethell

And I do also swear that my occupation is that of shoe making, but that I am not able to pursue it more than one third of the day, if that long, from weakness and debility produced by age, and that whilst I am engaged at my occupation I can do verry little. My wife is yet living who is about fifty years old, and almost unable to do any thing. I have no one to render me any assistance in supporting myself and wife. My children have all grown up and left me

[George Speake (Speake), pension application S37435, stated that he had known Benjamin Athell, as he was always known, in the war.]

[The following is from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Loudoun County March 29, 1785

I do hereby certify that Benjamin Ethel was enlisted as a soldier in Colo. Wm. Graysons Reg't. of Cont'l Troops some time in the Spring of 1777 (either March or april) for the Term of Three years which it appears he faithfully served by Colo. Febigers [Christian Febiger's] discharge of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1780 I further Certify that the said Benj'n. Ethel was then and still is an Inhabitant of this State and ought to be considered as part of this States Quota of Cont'l. Troops Certified under my hand the date above.

(Copy)

Levin Powell Lt. Co. of Colo Graysons Reg't.

Assigned to Henry Ethel.

Dec'd Colo Peyton

(Copy.)/ Markes Vandewall

NOTE:

On 1 Sep 1826 Benjamin Ethell applied to have his pension transferred to Missouri, having moved to Boone County for the following reasons: “1<sup>st</sup> because his Children are there, with the exception of one, who is now on his road to s'd state where he intends residing in future, and only because he thinks he can live easier and better, in Missouri than elsewhere.”

The file includes a letter from the Pension Office dated 23 Feb 1887 to Mrs. Mollie L Fouts in response to a query about her great grandfather, Benjamin Ethell, noting, “you have mentioned that Benjamin came over together with his brother Anthony from England or Scotland, and was subsequently followed by their brother Henry.” This may refer to Anthony Ethell S6825 and Henry Ethell R3374.