

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of David Ellington S37908

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[The pension application is very faint; this transcription should be used with more than usual caution.]

State of Kentucky Sct

County of Morgan

On this 3^d day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Morgan County, now sitting David Ellington a resident of Morgan County State of Kentucky age seventy one years on the 29th day of October 1834 who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

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

He states that in the month of June the day not recollected 1781 he volunteered for three months and joined the army of the United States at [illegible word; see amended declaration below] Mills in Hardy County State of Virginia [formed in 1785 from Hampshire County, now West Virginia] under the command of [two or three illegible words] Samuel Hornbeck the [illegible or blank] day of June 1781 and thence marched toward York. He states He was taken sick at Fredericksburg Va. on his march to York before he reach the main army & was there owing to his sickness furlowed untill he should recover his health. From Fredericksburg he returned home to Hardy County Va where he lived and did not recover his health so as to join the army till their return to Hardy County Va which was in September 1781. the 3 months for which he volunteered having expired he with the army was regularly discharged in Sept 1781. He states he again entered the service of the United States the 1st of Nov. 1781 as a substitute for Jesse Claypole under the Command of Capt Isaac Pasian[?] Major Van Williams Col Willis & Canady took the command alternately He joined the army at Rumley Hardy County Va. [possibly Romney in Hampshire County] and marched thence to Winchester Barracks Frederick County Va and stationed there as a guard to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Wallis at York [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781]; He remained there till the expiration of his 3 months Tour he was marched back to Rumley Hardy County Va & was regularly discharged by his Capt in Febuay 1782 which discharge he has lost, in the last tower He states he served in the capacity of a Sergeant.

He states he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Anthony Miller in March 1782 (the particular day not recollected) under the command of Capt Daniel Keverbock and Col Benjamin Wilson He states he was rendezvoused at McNeals Mill Hardy County Va from there he was marched by his Capt to Willson Fort in Tigars Valley [Benjamin Wilson's Fort on Tygart Valley River about 4 miles north of present Beverly in Randolph County WV] and was stationed at Jacob Westfalls Fort [one-fourth mi south of Beverly] to guard the inhabitants from the Indians at this place and spying in the neighbourhood he remained untill his three months was out and after serving the three months as aforesaid he was marched back to Hardy County Va where he then lived & was in July 1782 discharged by his Captain; for this tour he thinks he received no written discharge. If He did he has lost it.

He states He again entered the service of the united states on the 5th day of September 1782 as a volunteer militia man under the command of Capt Thomas Vincent, Col Thomas King. He joined the army on the North Fork of Holston River Montgomery County Va. as a volunteer for three months. We were marched immediately to the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee river. We had an engagement with the Indians at the Look out mountain [Lookout Mountain TN, 20 Sep 1782] in which the Indians were defeated, we were then marched back to Montgomery County Va where I then lived & was in December 1782 regularly discharged having served out a a three months Tour. he does not now recollect whether his discharge was in writing or not If it was written he has lost it.

He states he then went to Sullivan County North Carolina and was drafted for three months; He states He joined the army again at Holston in Sullivan County North Carolina [now TN] on the [blank] day of December 1782 the day not now recollected) under the command of Col [William] Christian We were thence marched to Bowmans Station on German Creek where he was stationed & ordered out every day as a spy or ranger he remained at this place till May 1783 when he was marched back to Sullivan County North Carolina & was in May 1783 regularly discharged & returned home which discharge he has lost he then lived in Sullivan County N. C. He states He does not know that he was at any time with a Continental Regiment & Company during the time of any of his engagements in the service; He states he remembers to have seen Col. Morgan [possibly Zackquill Morgan] Col. A Buford [Abraham Buford] Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], He states he was born in Maryland [blank] county at an early age removed to Hampshire County (now Hardy County Virginia) He states He has no documentary evidence of his services He states he has stated when & where he was born He says he has a record of his age He has also stated where he was living when called into the service He has also stated how he was called into the service He states He knows of no other particulars of his services that he can name more than he has already named. He states he never had a commission (he was a Sergeant 3 months as set out in his declaration. He states he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services He states He can not find a surviving witness by whom he can prove himself to have been a Sergeant as set forth in his declaration

He states He knows of Joseph Nickell a Clergyman who resides in his neighbourhood and also Thos. F. Hazelrigg residing in the same who can testify as to his character for veracity and his reputation as having been a soldier of the revolution He says he moved from Virginia to North Carolina a from North Carolina to Kentucky Bourbon County in the year 1790 or 91. from thence to Bath County from thence to the now County of Morgan where he now resides

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 the day and year aforesaid. David hisXmark Ellington

State of Kentucky } SS.
County of Morgan }

On this 7th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Morgan County now sitting David Ellington a resident of Morgan County State of Kentucky aged seventy one years on the 29th day of October 1834 who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration (by way of amendment to his original Declaration herein) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, "He states that in the month of June (the day not recollected) 1781 He volunteered for three months and served the army of the United States at McNeals Mills in Hardy County State of Virginia under the command of Capt Samuel Hornback on the [blank] day of June 1781 the day of the month he does not recollect) from there He was immediately marched on toward York where they were to join the main army. He states He was taken sick on his march at Fredericksburg Va. on his march to York before he reached the main army & was there owing to his sickness furlowed untill he should recover his health From Fredericksburg he returned home to Hardy County Va where he lived and did not recover his health so as to join the army till their return to Hardy County Va which was in September 1781 the 3 months for which they volunteered having expired he with the army was regularly discharged in September 1781. In this first Tour he can not say positively how long it was from the time he joined the army at McNeals mills till he was furlowed at Fredericksburg but thinks he was with the army Ten days – so states it being as well as he now recollects upwards of 100 miles from where he joined to

Fredericksburg where he was furlowed.

He states he again entered the service of the united states the 1st of Nov. 1781 as a substitute for Jesse Claypole under the command of Capt Isaac Pasons Maj'r Van Williams Col Willis & Canady took the Command alternately. He joined the army at Rumley Hardy County Va. and marched thence to Winchester Barracks Frederick County Va., and was stationed there as a guard to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Wallis at York. He remained there till the expiration of his 3 months tour. he was marched back to Rumley Hardy County Va. & was regularly discharged by his Capt in Febuary 1782 which discharge he has lost in this last Tower He states he served in the capacity of a Sergeant (a non commissioned officer) he states he knows of no living witness (nor can he find any surviving witness (he having made diligent search and inquiry) who can testify to his services as a soldier or Sergeant as above set out. He states He never had a commission his discharge for this Tower of service he has lost. He states positively that he served the whole of his three months Tower last above set out as a Sergeant – he cannot produce a discharge having lost it.

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He states he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services

[The rest is identical to the original declaration.]

David Ellington

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate states that Ellington died on 12 Apr 1855.