

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Ellis S41519

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[Note: On page 4 of this file is a note which reads as follows: "Suspended and filed among cases of only 9 months men 19 January 1822" I'm not sure what this means.]

State of North Carolina, Wayne County: Superior Court of Law: First Monday after the fourth Monday of September 1821

On this Second day of October 1821 personally appeared in open Court, the said Court being of Record having power to fine and imprison, a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, and keeping a record of its proceedings – Absalom Ellis aged about Sixty six years, a citizen and resident of the County of Wayne, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – (to wit) in the Company Commanded by Captain Harrison [William Harrison] of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the North Carolina Continental establishment, and afterwards in the Company commanded by Captain Bradley [Lieut./Capt. George "Gee" Bradley] of the same Regiment and line, for nine months, as set forth in his former application, to which he has not received any reply.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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-- I do further declare that I am of the age of Sixty six years, that my family consists of the following persons – a wife aged 58 years – one son Joshua, twenty years old, one daughter seventeen years old – I am by occupation a farmer, but for three years past have been so nearly blind that I am unable to do any work --

Schedule-- three feather beds – 1 mare – 3 head Cattle – 3 pewter basons – 2 pewter dishes, 6 pewter plates – 2 pots – 2 woolen wheels – 2 pair Cards, 1 loom, 1 flax wheel, 1 axe, 3 weeding hoes—1 Grubing [grubbing] hoe—one case Knives & forks—2 old chests—some fodder—1 table—2 pigins [piggins]—1 tub—1 old skillet, 1 griddle—17 head hogs—1 frying pan—some potatoes—7 pewter spoons-- deponent is indebted the sum of \$31.

S/ Absolom [sic] Ellis, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 14<sup>th</sup> January 1823

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Absalom Ellis a private in Captain Bradley's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment was mustered on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1778 for nine

months, but the rolls does not show how long he served.

Given under my hand at office the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 8: Petition by Theophilus Ellis, John Charles & his wife Theresa formerly Theresa Ellis and Leafy Peacock, the widow of Wiley Peacock formerly Leafy Ellis stating that their ancestor Absalom Ellis was a pensioner of the US for his services in the Revolution at the rate of \$96 per annum. Petitioners state that Absalom died 24 or 25 years earlier, that he was survived by his wife, Ferraby Ellis, the petitioners, a son, Joshua Ellis now a citizen of NC, 2 grandchildren, Amos and William Ellis, the children of son Daniel Ellis also a citizen of NC, that Daniel died before his Father, Absalom Ellis, and that two other children of Absalom have died since Absalom's death without issue; that Ferraby Ellis has been dead 12 or 13 years leaving the petitioners, Joshua, Amos & William as her heirs. Petitioners seek the pension due their mother or grandmother. The petition is attested December 17, 1852 in Henry County Tennessee and is signed by the marks of the petitioners.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 2, 1821, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]