

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Ellison S44807

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Schoharie County ss.

On this seventh day of October 1829 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for the County of Schoharie, David Ellison, resident in said County aged eighty six years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820; that he the said David Ellison enlisted for the term of three years in the fall of the year 1776 (the particular day or month of which this declarant does not remember) in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by captain Long [Gabriel Long VAS 970], in the Regiment of Riflemen commanded by colonel [Daniel] Morgan , in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Regiment commanded by Colonel Morgan untill after the battle at Monmouth in the year 1778 [28 Jun 1778] when Captain Longs Company to which this declarant belonged, proceeded to Albany in the State of New York and was then commanded by Colonel Butler of the Pennsylvania Line [probably Richard Butler]; that he continued to serve in the said Corpse under the command of Colonel Butler untill some time in the fall of the year 1779 when he was discharged at Springfield in Otsego County in the State of New York his term of service under his enlistment being full and complete; that at this time this declarant was suffering and did long suffer from a wound received in his left side by the shot of an Indian; that this declarant was in the battle of the taking of Gen. Burgoyne [Saratoga 17 Oct 1777], at the taking of the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] and at the battle of Monmouth; that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. that this declarant was informed and did believe that it was necessary in order to be placed upon the pension Roll to procure evidence from living witnesses of his identity and service which this declarant untill lately has been unable to do, but he has at length by travelling into Ulster County succeeded in obtaining the affidavit of William Castle [S44226] which affidavit is hereunto annexed; that in addition to this he has endeavoured to procure the affidavit of William Leek [S42853] with whom he was acquainted in the Army but the said William Leek resides in a distant part of this State and this declarant has been prevented both by his bodily infirmities and the want of means, to visit him. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 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, I have no real estate whatever. My whole property consists of

Two Cows worth . . . . .	\$30.00
Six Sheep worth . . . . .	7.50
Two small swine worth . . . . .	3.00
one old clock worth . . . . .	4.00
one ax worth . . . . .	0.75
one hoe worth . . . . .	0.13
Six chains [chairs?] worth . . . . .	2.25
Twelve plates worth . . . . .	0.75
Six knives and forks worth . . . . .	0.50
One table and chest worth . . . . .	1.50

The necessary cooking utensils for a small family worth. . . . . 5.00  
 Six tea cups and sauces worth . . . 0.50  
 one barrel worth. . . . . 0.75  
 Amount . . . . . \$57.13

Thomas Ellison holden to keep six sheeps and two cows as long as I live. I am by occupation a farmer but old age and its infirmities have almost totally unfitted me for labor

My family consists of my wife Sarah Ellison aged eighty four years and my daughter Elizabeth Brant widow of Hendrick Brant deceased aged about fifty years; the capacity of each to contribute to their support is such as might naturally be expected from their age and situation. Since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 no material change has taken place in my situation or property; at that time I possessed no real estate and the whole amount of my property did not at that time exceed what I am at present worth, ten dollars. The greatest change which has taken place in my property since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 was the selling of a Cow in the year 1825 to William Smith a neighbour for fifteen dollars which money I appropriated soon after to the purchase of another cow.

David hisXmark Ellurson

Sworn this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1829 before me  
 John Gebhard Jr. Clk

State of New York }  
 County of Schoharie } SS

I Jacob Van Dyke [W18217] aged sixty eight years, being duly sworn, do depose and say – that I am acquainted with David Ellison of the County aforesaid, and well knew him to be a Soldier in the army of the Revolution and personally knew him while serving as such in Capt Long’s Company of Riflemen, which Company I at the time understood and believe and still believe to have been a detachment from Col. Morgan’s Regiment – and further say that I personally knew the said David Ellison to have been a Soldier in the Company aforesaid from the time the said Company was first stationed in Otsego County of this State, untill the said David Ellison was discharged therefrom in the year 1779 which was about one year – and further say that the said David Ellison during the above period always sustained the Character of a faithful and active Soldier in the service of his Country

Dated December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829

Ulster County ss I William Castle of the Town of Hurley in the County of Ulster and State of New York a Revolutionary Pensioner being duly sworn Do Depose and Say That David Ellison of the Town of Broome in the County of Schoharie is well known to me. That to my certain knowledge the said David Ellison served as a private in Captain Longs Company in Colonel Morgans Regiment of Rifle Men during the years 1777 – 1778 and part of the year 1779 without any intermission. I this Deponent being also a private in the Company & Regiment aforesaid during the period aforesaid. And I Do further Depose and say that the said David Ellison was personally present and engaged in the Capture of Burgoyne, the Battle of Monmouth & several Minor Engagements. That in the year 1779 the said David Ellison was removed from the Army in consequence as this Deponent understood of a severe wound received from the firing of a bullet into his left side by an indian. That the conduct of the said David Ellison during the service aforesaid was correct honorable and soldier like.

William hisXmark Castle

Sworn before me this 23<sup>d</sup> day of December 1828  
 Henry Tappen One of the Justices of the Peace of Ulster  
 County State of Newyork

[A file in [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) consists of copies of the above documents.]

NOTES:

A letter by Lewis Wakeley transmitting Ellison's pension application, dated Greenville, 16 Oct 1829, includes the following: "Mr. Ellison informs me that some time before he was discharged, Capt Long who commanded the Company in which he served resigned, and returned to Virginia, and the command of the Company devolved upon Lieut Evans, and that there was but one other Company detached from Col. Morgans Regiment of Riflemen for the expedition on which they were engaged and this was commanded by Capt. Parr or Pear [James Parr]; Although Mr. Ellison enlisted at any one time for a period no longer than three years yet he was in active service during the most of the war, and he yet retains on his person the scars of many honorable wounds which he received in the service."

A document in the federal file states that "Three of the Four child'n of David Ellison" were given the final pension payment up to 24 Aug 1838, the date of his death.