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Pension Application of Michael Ellis S6818

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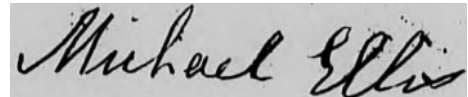
To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States

The Petition of Michael Ellis a citizen of the United States and resident of North Carolina humbly sheweth. That early during the War of the Revolution he sailed in a merchant vessell from Charleston So. Carolina, on a voyage to Hispaniola. the vessell in which he sailed was captured by the British Frigate Daphne, and deponent was detained a prisoner on board said frigate about One year. when said frigate entered the Delaware river, deponent made his escape, and joined the Maryland Continental troops then at Brandywine, marched with them to Vally forge, and to Monmouth, at the battle at which place [28 Jun 1778] he served as a private and a volunteer. After the battle of Monmouth deponent enlisted as a private in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain John Gassaway, in the second Regiment of Maryland Continental troops, of which Colo. [Thomas] Woolford was Commandant, and John Stuart [sic: John Stewart] was Major. he served in this Company and regiment in the North & marched to South Carolina in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty as he believes. Here he was at Gates' [Gen. Horatio Gates, 16 Aug 1780] defeat at Camden, was taken prisoner but was retaken by Colonel [Francis] Marion near Santee River [at Nelson Ferry near Eutaw Springs, 25 Aug 1780], and rejoined his Company & served faithfully until his term of three years for which he enlisted had expired when he received his discharge, which was signed by Capt. Edw'd. Edgely [sic: Edward Edgerley] & Arthur Williams [sic: Col. Otho Holland Williams], Captain Gassaway being then a prisoner. his discharge is lost

deponent is now upwards of sixty years of age, has a family, and is in reduced circumstances, and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

after deponents discharge from the army he returned to North Carolina, where he had previously & has also subsequently resided. He has no means of proving at this place his services by any one who served with him, but respectfully entreats the Honorable Secretary of War will cause examination to be made of the Rolls of the Maryland army on which he is confident his name and services will appear. Deponent prays the benefit of the act of Congress provided for this case.

Sworn to in open Court June 18<sup>th</sup> 1819



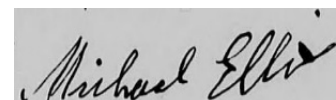
Auditor's Office, Annapolis, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Michael Ellis enlisted as a Fifer in the Second Maryland Regiment, on the Third day of Nove'r. 78 and was on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 80 present

Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an "Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1828 I Michael Ellis of the County of Craven and state of North Carolina do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution for three years or for and during the war and continued in its service until it's termination; at which period I was a Private in Captain Edward Edgerley's Company in the second regiment of the Maryland line.

And I also declare that I afterwards receive or was entitled to receive a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States [9 Aug 1828]

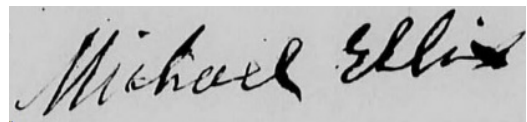


State of North Carolina }  
Craven County }

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County now sitting, Michael Ellis aged about 73 years born in the State of North Carolina & has no record of his age, a resident of the County of Craven and said State, 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 passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he joined the Maryland troops at Wilmington on the brandywine, then continued with them as a Volunteer till after the battle of Monmouth (not then enlisting) having escaped from on board a British man of War and landed at Chester on the Delaware – that he was captured by said man of War (the Daphne a twenty gun sloop commanded by Capt. McKendrick) on a voyage from Charleston to Hispaniola that after the Battle of Monmouth he listed in the second Maryland Regiment Capt. Longs [Solomon Long's] company, Long resigned shortly after he joined the Company and John Gassaway took the command of s'd company and I continued in said company about three years, that his company was at West Point when [Gen. Anthony] Wayne stormed Stony point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] and some of the men of his company volunteered on that expedition. Woolford was the Colonel and John Stewart the Major of the Regiment to which this Company belonged that Stewart went with Wayne to storm Stony point and was call'd by the British Lucy Jack as he understood. Declarant further says that he remained with his Company which marched to South Carolina and was present at the battle of Camden when Gates was defeated and Decalb killed [sic: Gen. Baron De Kalb, mortally wounded]. at this battle Capt. Gassaway, myself and many others were taken prisoners and then march for Charleston and near Santee ferry we were retaken by Marion – and rejoined their former company at Hillsborough N.C. it was there commanded by Edward Edgely and Auther Williams was in the place of Decalb – his company marched back to South Carolina and was engaged at the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. he was there discharged and his discharge was signed by Edward Edgely and Auther Williams. this he lost shortly after he left the army.

He has been on the pension roll under the act of 1818, but was stricken from it afterwards on account of property which does not exceed three hundred Dollars in value. – Declarant made an application under a subsequent act of Congress and procured a Certificate from the proper office of Maryland of his enlistment and discharge, which is now he believes with his last application in the War Department. Declarant knows of no surviving witness to his services, the Company having been raised in Maryland and he having resided in N.C. ever since the war.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim to a pension whatever except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Ellis". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.