

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Ellison ¹ W354

Massy Ellison

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State of Tennessee Robertson County

On this day it being the 14th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Robertson County now sitting, Charles Elison [sic] a resident of Robertson County & the State aforesaid aged Sixty-nine years the 9th of September next 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 7th 1832. States that he was born in the State of North Carolina Orange County on the 9th day of September 1763 agreeable to the family record & that he was drafted from said County as a Militiaman sometime in the month of August 1780 & was placed under Captain Thomas Thompson & was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Tinnon [sic, Hugh Tinnen] & Major William Williams & Brigadier General Butler [John Butler] he states that he was marched to Hillsboro in North Carolina he states that he was taken by Colonel Tinnen & placed as a driver on one of the public wagons & remained in the service three months & was then discharged. He states that he was again drafted & put under the same officers & was started again for Hillsboro & when he got there we was all taken prisoners [September 12, 1781] by Colonel Fannon [David Fanning] a Tory Colonel & was taken to Wilmington & was there put in a prison ship for about two months the day we was taken by Fanning was the 9th of September 1781 [sic], he states that him and his companions was taken from Wilmington by water to Charleston in South Carolina where they were kept in a prison ship until sometime in the month of August 1782 when a part of us was Exchanged he states that he was one of that number we was taken above the town to General Green [Nathanael Greene] & he sent us home after discharging us, he states that he has no writing to prove anything about his Services nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove the same [text garbled by being overwritten²] and he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll nor ever has been of the agency of this or any other State or Territory Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test S/ W Seal, Clk

S/ Charles Ellison



¹ BLWt26867-160-55

² Text may read in part: "he states that he expects he can prove by Edward Edwards a Clergyman ??"

[Edward Edwards, a clergyman, and A. C. Gaines gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On September 8, 1851 in Robertson County Tennessee Massy Ellison, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the July 29, 1848 act stating that her husband Charles Ellison was a pensioner at the rate of \$46.66 per annum; that she married him September 4, 1786 or 1787; she has no record of their marriage and relies on the fact that her oldest child is now 63 years old; that she married him in Caswell County North Carolina and that they were married by one John Womack a justice of the peace in Person County; that she and her husband lived in Person County until about 1822 when they moved to Tennessee; that Charles Ellison died May 2, 1851. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On April 3, 1855 in Robertson County Tennessee, Massy Ellison, 87, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 20 Family Bible record]

John Ellison was born the 10 day of February 1788

Elizabeth Ellison was born the 28 day of January 1790

Jane Ellison was born the 23 day of February 1792

Daniel Ellison was born the 16 day of December 1795

David Ellison was born the 26 day of June 1799

Charles Ellison was born the 2 day of August 1803

Andrew Ellison was born the 4 day of July 1806

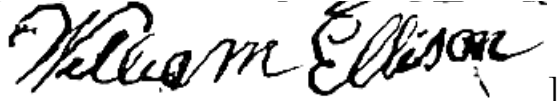
Sarah Ellison was born the 19 day of July 1809

John Ellison was born the 10 day of February 1788
Elizabeth Ellison was born the 28 day of January 1790
Jane Ellison was born the 23 day of February 1792
Daniel Ellison was born the 16 day of December 1795
David Ellison was born the 26 day of June 1799
Charles Ellison was born the 2 day of August 1803
Andrew Ellison was born the 4 day of July 1806
Sarah Ellison was born the 19 day of July 1809

[Facts in file: the widow's name is spelled several different ways in the file: "Massey"; "Marcy":

“Mascy”; her maiden name appears to have been “Marcy Durham”]

[p 45: On June 9, 1854 in Putnam County Tennessee, William Ellison, 75, testified that he was born in Orange County North Carolina a nephew of Charles Ellison the revolutionary war pensioner who died in Robertson County in Tennessee in 1851; that he had several uncles who served in the revolution with his father Joseph Ellison who died prior to the passage of the pension laws; John Ellison who drew a pension; recalls that his uncle Charles Ellison married Marcy Durham when William was 7 or 8 years old; that his father lived within 2 miles of Charles Ellison's father; that he William Ellison moved to Tennessee in 1816 and that his uncle Charles Ellison and his wife moved to Robertson County Tennessee in 1822.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Ellison". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background. The name "William" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Ellison". There is a small mark at the end of the signature, possibly a flourish or a checkmark.

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[On June 9, 1854, Sarah Allison [sic], 86, a resident of Putnam County Tenn., testified that she is the widow of John Allison a pensioner of the United States; that she was born in Virginia but that her father moved to Orange County North Carolina after the Revolutionary war; that her father's name was John Towles [could be Towler]; that she was acquainted with Charles Allison and Marcy Durham his wife; that they were lawfully married and lived together as man and wife from 1787 till 1851 the time of the death of Charles Allison in Robertson County Tennessee. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 2 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]