

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Walter Ellis W4431

Mary Ellis

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State of Georgia, County of Gilmer

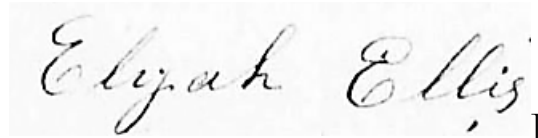
On this Thirteenth day of March in the year 1840 personally appeared before the Honorable Turner H. Trippe Judge of the Superior Courts of the Cherokee Circuit of the State of Georgia Mary Ellis a resident of said County of Gilmer in State of Georgia, aged about Eighty-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, and the act explanatory of said Act passed March 3, 1837: That she was, married to Walter Ellis on the Eighth day of May in the year 1776, and that she has no witness now living within her knowledge by whom the said marriage can be proven, but that the same is recorded in a Bible, in the possession of deponent, That her said husband was a Soldier during the Revolutionary War, and that he served in the American Army two tours of duty as will appear by the Certificates of discharge hereunto annexed And this said declarant further declares, that her said husband Walter Ellis died on the 13th day of November in the year 1821, and that she was the widow of said Walter Ellis on the fourth day of July 1836, and still remains a Widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year above written.

S/ Turner H. Trippe, JSCCC

S/ Mary Ellis, X her mark

[p 4: Elijah Ellis [relationship , if any, to the veteran or his widow not stated] of Gilmer County Georgia testified that he was present when Walter Ellis died in Jackson County Georgia on November 13, 1821 and that Walter Ellis never drew a pension for his services as a revolutionary soldier.

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

[Lewis D. Ellington and Coke A. Ellington testified as to the character of Mary Ellis and Elijah Ellis]

[p 9]

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This is to certify that Walter
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S/ Thos. Owen, Lt. Col.”

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**ELLIS, WALTER
(N.C.) W-4431**

“This is to Certify
That Walter Ellis has faithfully served out
his Tour of Duty of three Months, in General Lillington’s Bri-
gade, to the Southward.
Charlestown
March 22, 1780

S/ William Harding, Capt^{dn}”

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his Tour of Duty of three Months, in General Lillington’s Bri-
gade, to the Southward.

**Charlestown,
March 22, 1780.**

William Harding Capt

Washington DC August 11 1877

Copy taken from record of Ellis family Bible

Elizabeth Ellis the daughter of Walter and Mary Ellis his wife was born October 3rd 1778

Ann Ellis was born March the 8 1781

Stephen Ellis was born August 27, 1783

Mary Ellis was born February 13, 1786

Walter Ellis and Mary Ellis his wife married May the [illegible] 1776

[Note: there is no explanation among the documents in this file as to what became of the family record of the veteran and his widow. I could find no image of that record in this file. On page 22 there is a letter dated May 19, 1840 from J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions in which he states that before he can pass on the widow's claim the original of the family record must be cut from the Bible and attached to an affidavit. On p 27 there is a letter dated July 16, 1878 address to the Commissioner of Pensions in which the following statement is made: "I learned from Rev. William Ellis one of the Grand Sons of Mary Ellis that Stephen, Elizabeth & Mary was his uncle & aunts he is a son of James Ellis Brother of Stephen's he wishes the Bible referred to in the within letter to be sent to me to this office." This letter is signed by David Garren [?].]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]