

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Flemister Lewis	VA	W5274	f27VA
	Ellender		
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[p2] Georgia certificate 4483  
Ellender Flemister widow of Lewis Flemister  
Private of Virginia in Washington's life guard  
Issued 22Mar1849 @ \$80/annum

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State of Georgia  
Jasper County

On this first day of July Eighteen hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before the honorable the inferior court of Jasper County sitting in a court of ordinary, Ellender Flemister, said court being a court of record. The said deponent being a resident aforesaid county of Jasper and aged sixty six 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July the seventh eighteen hundred and thirty eight entitled "An act granting half pay and provisions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Lewis Flemister and that he was a private in the guard of General Washington who was commander in chief of the American army during the Revolutionary War. And that her deceased husband Lewis Flemister enlisted for the war was in the service of the United States seven years, and on the fourth day of June seventeen hundred and eighty three was honorably discharged from the same by General Washington and for proof of the foregoing she refers to the discharge of her deceased husband signed by the commander in chief himself and which is herewith forwarded. And this deponent further states that on the twenty seventh day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety in the county of Halifax and state of Virginia she was legally married to her deceased husband in the name of Ely Chissum as she was familiarly and commonly called by her relations and interment acquaintances (Ely being a contraction of Ellender)

[p4] and that the marriage ceremony was solemnized by Hawkins Landrum, a minister of the gospel.

This deponent further states that some short time afterwards she and her husband removed to the state of Georgia and on the first day of October in the year eighteen hundred and seven or eight her husband departed this life. This deponent further states under oath that the decease of her husband was made in the family bible and that but for the loss of the record, it having been destroyed by her children, she could state particularly the year. And that she has never been married since and also that there was never any record of her marriage other than the one accompanying this declaration under oath. This deponent further states that she was not married to Lewis Flemister prior to his leaving the service of the United States but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit: at the time stated in the certificate of the clerk of the county of Halifax County and state of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court on the day and year first above written before us:

Ellender Flemister    x her mark

[routine county certification

D A Reese, Eli Glover, Thomas Smith, William V Burney, Charles W C Wright, justices  
Richard Flemister, clerk

Burney and Dyer of Monticello Ga. names and positions unspecified.

01Jun1839-Marriage was recorded by Halifax County clerk Geo Carrington, per current clerk  
William Holt and justice Elisha Barksdale, Jr.]

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Joshua Hill [congressman 35<sup>th</sup> congress, later senator from Georgia) requested that the discharge  
signed by George Washington be returned to the family.

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Letter to Joshua Hill returning the Flemister discharge document.

[various other papers show re-issued certificates, inquiry by senator William C Dawson,  
depositions from Ellender naming Captain Colfax as an officer over Lewis.]

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01Jul1939 Testimony by John Lindsay, Jasper County neighbor that Lewis and Ellender  
Flemister lived as husband and wife

Addendum to Lewis Flemister W5274

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 11 Feb 2014.

I hereby certify that Lewis Flemister Inlisted in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment in the year 1775 and that he has served with reputation in the Com'r in Chief Guard from '77 to the present day

A Copy

Given at the head Quarters this 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1783

Edmund B. Long

W. Colfax [William Colfax] Cap. Comm'r. in Chief Guard