

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Ellis W7092 Transcribed by Fred Weyler	Elizabeth Ellis	f36VA 3/8/13
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Ellis William Elizabeth w7092

(p2) a certificate

Virginia 3758 to widow of William Ellis who died 05Oct1839
Of Lunenburg VA a private in Captain Fowler's company in the VA Militia
At \$50/annum issued 03Aug1834

(p3) Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1838 entitled
"An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" –

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On the 131th day of February 1839, personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Elizabeth Ellis, a resident of said County and State, aged 74 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 assed July 4th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows-"

That she is the widow of William Ellis, late in the Virginia Militia and Continental service in the War of the Revolution- She declares, that she has no knowledge whatever of the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War with the exception of what he related himself, and what she ascertained from others who she believes was in service with him at the times - She has repeatedly heard him speak of his services, and give account of the battles in which he was engaged, and the many hardships he endured during his service, but of late, from old age and loss of memory, she is unable to call to mind his narrative, so as to give any thing like a satisfactory account thereof, and therefore greatly prefers to rely on the statements of his companion in arms, whose

(p4) certificates accompany this declaration- She further states that she does not know the precise length of time he was in the service altogether, but would suppose that he was in service at least 15 months, for which length of time she claims a pension – That her husband departed this life long before the passage of the act of congress of the 7th June 1832, and, therefore, never enjoyed the benefit of its provisions or any other pension laws in support of her claim, so far as it regards his services, and length of service, she relies on the Arm records of the period, and the accompanying certificates of old soldiers –

She farther declares that she was married to the said William Ellis on the 13th day of Nov 1782 that her husband the aforesaid William Ellis died on the 5th day of October 1829; that she was not married to him prior to his leiving (?sic) the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four: to wit, at the time above stated-

Elizabeth Ellis x his mark

Sworn and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, this 13th day of February 1839-

Tho^s H Staples J.P.

(p5) Routine county supporting testimony and certification, selected facts:

Judge Stapes took the declaration at her home because she fell off a horse 16 or 17 years previous and was crippled.

John E Overton, illiterate neighbor that she was married to Ellis and has been a widow since.

(p7) Bible transcription

Children of William and Elizabeth Ellis were:

William	born 02Oct1784
Eilzabeth	born 18Mar1786
Halley	born 10Feb1788
Calvin	born 21Feb1790
Thomas	born 21Fev1793
Febey Traler	born 23Mar1797
Martha F	born 07Sep1799
John F	born 27Oct1803
Richard	born 15Aug1800

(p11) Response to inquiry of Robert Ellis of Knoxville TN on 14Nov1929 by the pension bureau adds service details not found in the widow's statement:

William Ellis enlisted in 1777 in Chesterfield County VA as a private in Captain Fowler's Company of Col Ball's Va Regt and was in the battle of Monmouth.

Re-enlisted in 1781 for 3 months in Captain Moore's Company of Colonel Cooke's Regt and was at Battle of Guilford CH.

Marraiage to Elizabeth Akin 13Nov1782 in Chesterfield Co VA.

(p32) from Lunenburg Co VA testimony 25Feb1739 before judge J N Poultney by 80 year old John Morehorn:

“William Ellis enlisted in 1777, in the county of Chesterfield in the regular service under Captain Fowler for the term of Twelve months, and was attached to the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Col Ball and General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] - That said William Ellis march from Chesterfield to Valley Forge the headquarters of the American Army, and was at the battle of Monmouth. He served the said term faithfully and was honorably discharged from service. The said William Ellis was also at the battle of Guilford in 1781, and was drafted in the Militia under Capt Moore for three months- Col Cook and General Lawson were commanding officers. These facts came within my knowledge being a soldier with the said Ellis, and in the same company's and regiment's the whole time – “

x/ John Mohorn x his mark

(p33) from Charlotte Co VA supporting testimony by 81 year old Seth Farley on 26Mar1839

“ in 1781 he was drafted in the militia for a term of three months and marched to North Carolina and was engaged in the battle of Guilford- He served the said term faithfully- I was not in the same company with him, but belonged to Capt Walker's company from the same county.

s/. Seth Farly

(p36) testimony of Mary Beach, sister of Elizabeth Akin Ellis re/ marriage to William Ellis.

s/ Mary Beach x her mark