

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach Ellis S31666

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Georgia, Talbot County

On this Sixth day of May 1833 first appeared in open court before their Honors Bartley Whitehurst, John Brown and Robert G. Crittenden -- Justices of the Inferior Court of Talbot County now sitting Shadrack Ellis resident of Talbert County now in his seventy third year since the second day of March last 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: He entered the service some time in the month of May 1779 as a volunteer under Captain John Hodge & Lieutenant James Lenier [Lanier or Lenoir?] year served in the Regiment of Colonel Sitgraves [sic, more probably Benjamin Seawell] of Newbern [New Bern] under Brigadier General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] of Halifax in North Carolina and entered the service in Pitt County of North Carolina service a five months Tour & when the five months were out he volunteered again under Captain John Moye and served a four months tour during a part of this period James Gorum [James Gorham] was promoted and acted as his Colonel, he was for some time with Colonel Thomas Armstrong of the Continental Army was a short time with Colonel Washington [William Washington] while he was stationed on the Yadkin River Headquarters were then at Salisbury. He was then a Skirmish with the British on the day [September 26, 1780] that Lord Cornwallis marched into Charlotte Colonel Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] commanded on that day the British horse the Americans marched off towards Salisbury. In these two tours he marched over the country about Salisbury & Charlotte and up and down the River the Catawba and Yadkin in North Carolina. He acted as Sergeant two months and had thirty men under him & was stationed at Greenville in Pitt County to guard about five hundred British Prisoners. He afterwards served in 1781 a three months tour as a substitute for William Nichols under Captain Mayo [Nathan Mayo] Major John Inlow [John Enloe] Col. Saulter [John Salter] and General William Caswell was in the battle at the Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780] on the Yadkin with the Tories in the engagement there were according to the best information we got about thirteen of the enemy killed and about twenty wounded the Whigs had one Lieutenant & two privates killed & two or three wounded. After marching up and down the River for some time he was marched to Salisbury and discharged in October 1781. He was in the service something more than twelve months was at home as much as two or three times during his service remained at home once or twice as much as a week. He states he never left the Army without the permission of his officers.

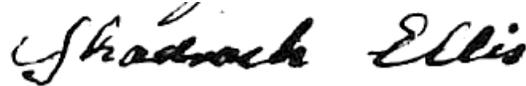
He has no documentary evidence now in his possession he had three discharges he got one at Salisbury one at Kingston [Kinston] ~~and one~~ on Neuse River and one at Smithfield on said River he has since lost all his discharges. He knows of no one except Benjamin Ellis & Underhill Ellis by whom he can prove his service as most of those who knew him are dead or removed to parts unknown.

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

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William S. Goss, Clk

S/ Shadrach Ellis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shadrach Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a distinct 'E'.

[Hiram Powell, a clergyman, and John Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]