Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Ellis S39492 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 21 Oct 2019.

Virginia, to wit,

This day [19 Jun 1818] personally appeared before me William Brockenbrough one of the judges of the General Court of the state aforesaid, James Ellis, of the county of Goochland, aged 65 years, who being by me first duly sworn, makes the following Declaration, in order to obtain the pension directed by the late Act of Congress respecting the Officers & Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army:

That he the said James Ellis enlisted as a Drummer with Capt. Henry Quarles in the Regiment of Artillery raised by the State of Virginia, on Continental Establishment, which regiment was commanded by Colo. Thomas Marshall [VAS494], in the year [blank] & served three years in the said regiment during the War of the Revolution. That he was discharged honorably at little York in Virg'a. That he is in reduced Circumstances, & stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other Evidence of the performance of his said Services, except the annexed Certificate of the honorable John Marshall [S5731; son of Thomas Marshall], now Chief Justice of the United States.

I certify that James Ellis enlisted as a private in the artillery regiment raised by the state of Virginia which was commanded by Colo. Marshall during the war of the revolution & that he served to the end of the war against the common enemy. Given under my hand this 19th of June 1818.

J Marshall formerly a Capt. in the 11th Virg'a. Reg't

At a monthly Sessions Court held for Goochland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 16th day of Oct'r. 1820

Present in Court, William Gray, George S. Smith, Andrew Kean & Joseph S. Watkins Gentlemen Justices.

On this 16th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Goochland James Ellis aged seventy five years, resident in the county of Goochland who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in Colo. Thomas Matthews [sic: Maj. Thomas Mathews W17076 and R16019] regiment three years in a company commanded by Capt. Thos. Marshall [Thomas Marshall, Jr R16057] in the revolutionary war on continental establishment, his original declaration was made on the 19th day of June 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 6100. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, that he has no real estate and his personal estate is as follows, necessary clothing & bedding excepted, one sow and five pigs that he is a labourer by occupation, but has but little ability to pursue it, his family is a wife about 55 years of age and three children too young to contribute to their support and the deponent further makes oath that he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support James hisXmark Ellis

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

The Bearer hear of James Ellis a Drummer in Marshels Redgment of Artilery having served Three years the time of his Enlistment and having acted as a Good and Faithfull Souldier is hear by Discharg'd from the Said Redjm't given under my hand this 1st Sept 1780

E. Moody Capt [Edward Moody]

[undeciphered]

Del'd Colo Temple [Benjamin Temple BLWt2214-450] [undeciphered] Harrison (a Copy) J Pendleton Jr