

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Ellet [Elliott] ¹ W4948

Mary Ann Ellet [Elliott] f44NC

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State of North Carolina Anson County

On this 22nd day of March 1839, at the House of Mary Ann Ellet widow of Robert Ellet deceased appeared said widow before me Stephen Hasty one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County aged 70 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 the 7th July 1838, that she is the widow of Robert Ellet deceased who was a Private in the Army of the revolution & She believes from his repeated conversations to her of his service that he was of the Militia & the forepart of his Service in the Horse company & She believes a Volunteer in every instance of his Service -- she recollects her husband State three services in this State three months each She thinks his first service was marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville his officers then she does not recollect or dates the next three months which she believes was under some of the following officers also the next three months under some of the same officers, some of those officers resided near her & she was personally acquainted with them & others she had seen she thinks and one of the two last three months he was in the Battle at Ramsey's Mill [March 19, 1781] and Brushy Creek she thinks sometime after he was a Volunteer for six months a Private in the foot Company & She thinks in that Service he was marched to the South & was in Charleston & there helped build the Breast Works he was again a Volunteer six months a Private & was marched to the South he was in the Battle at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779] that she has often heard him speak of the distress of the men in that Battle she thinks that she has heard him state that these two 6 months service[s] he was under different officers, The following officers he served under at different times Captain Roper [Joseph Roper] Captain Ramsey [Ambrose Ramsey] Major Golson Colonel Scurlock [Mial Scurlock], Colonel Griffey this is as far as she recollects at this time hearing her husband State, though his services she thinks commenced with the war in this section of Country She states her husband & self had no learning, in the time of the war they resided in Chatham County in the above State & was personally acquainted They were married by Zachariah Harmon a Justice of the Peace She thinks about the close of the war in the year 1783 or 1784, for her husband served no more after they were Married her husband has often stated to her that he was 13 years older than herself She has no register of her husband marriage or of her Children's ages, as well as she can recollect her oldest Child a son will be 51, or 52, some time in December next he here resides, She thinks, about 45, years past her husband moved to the above County & he resided here to his death which was the 18th, day of September 1829, and she has continued to reside here & has not Married since She cannot make any further Proof of her husband's Service

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than what is here stated She thinks his other discharges have been destroyed the lapse of time the deaths & that the loss of memory puts it out of her power to make further Proof of her husband's Services, The Profession She has followed 45 years past both by day & night to render her sect [?] a Service & the weight of years on her & at this time not able to go out of the House without help that she is unfit to be hauled 28 miles to a Court House there to declare what she has here done,

The following are the names & ages of her Children as far as she can recollect at this time
John Ellet the son of Robert Ellet & Mary Ann Ellet his wife
Robert Ellet the son of Robert Ellet & Mary Ann Ellet his wife
Two died infants state,

Rebekahah Ellet Daughter of Robert Ellet & Mary Ann Ellet his wife

James Ellet son of Robert Ellet & Mary Ann Ellet his wife

Sworn & subscribed before me this 22nd day of March 1839,
S/ S. Hasty, JP

S/ Mary Ann Ellet, X her mark

[Stephen Hasty in a different handwriting attests the above application referring to the applicant as "Mary Ann Elliot" and to her husband as "Robert Elliot."]

[p 9: On April 9th, 1855 in Union County North Carolina, the widow, Mary Ann Ellet, 91, applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner she signed this document with her mark.

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"North Carolina

Chatham

Robt. Elit the Barer hereof hath a Desire to Travel from This State to That of Georgy [Georgia] and Desires a passport To Travel to that State of Georgy we therefore Desire he may pass and Repass he Behaving him Self as a friend to our Country as we know that he have all ways Bin [been]Willing to Do his Duty in the Servis of America &c

1778 Ramsey"

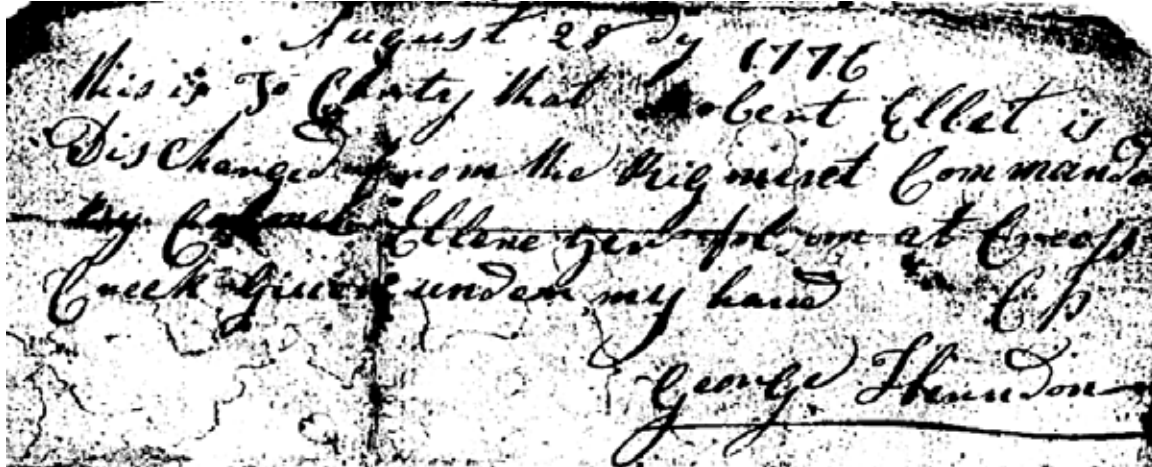
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to That of Georgy and Desires a
passport To Travel to that
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ing him Self as a friend to our
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all ways Bin Willing to Do his
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“August 28 of 1776

This is To Certy [certify] that Robert Ellet is Discharged from the Rigmint [regiment]
Commanded by Colonel Elbenzer folsom [sic, Ebenezer Folsom] at Cross Creek Given under my
hand

S/ George Herndon”

A scan of a handwritten military discharge certificate. The text is written in cursive and reads: "August 28th 1776. This is To Certy that Robert Ellet is Discharged from the Rigmint Commanded by Colonel Ebenezer Folsom at Cross Creek Given under my hand G. Herndon". The document is aged and shows some wear and tear.

[p 30: William Ashcraft gave testimony on September 25, 1845 in Anson County North Carolina that he was well acquainted with John Ellet, the oldest child of Robert and Mary Ann Ellet for at least the last 55 years; that said John Ellet was about 5 years old at the time of their 1st acquaintance. Peter Parker also gave testimony that John Ellet mustered in the company commanded by Parker until about 14 or 15 years ago when he became too old to muster; Parker thinks that John must be at least 60 years of age.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$23.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 7 months and 4 days in the North Carolina militia.]