

Sketch: Militia of the Precinct of the Highlands, New York, 1738.

In 1738 a Regiment of Militia was formed for Ulster county New York. Thomas Ellison was captain of the company for the Precinct of the Highlands, which included the area around New Windsor (also identified as New Windsor, Orange county, New York). John Markham was a member of Thomas Ellison's company in 1738.

The paragraph immediately below is excerpted from a pamphlet entitled, "Militia: New York State's Provincial and Revolutionary Military Organizations". It was written by Benjamin Myer Brink and published in *Olde Ulster*, Volume 7, Hope Farm Press, 1998. Following the paragraph is a list of the men who served in the Thomas Ellison's company, for the Precinct of the Highlands.

Whatever may have been the military organization during the succeeding years, it is not until three-quarters of a century later that we have a record. In 1738 an Ulster county regiment of militia was organized, of which A Gaasbeck Chambers was Colonel, Wessel TenBroeck lieutenant-colonel, Coonradt Elmendorf major, and Cornelius Elmendorf quartermaster. The regiment was composed of three companies in Kingston, one in Marbletown, one in Wallkill, one in Hurley, one in Rochester, one in New Paltz, and one in the precinct of the Highlands, which then embraced what is now New Windsor, Newburgh, Plattekill and Marlborough. The latter company was under the command of Captain Thomas Ellison of New Windsor, John Young ensign, David Davids, Patrick McClaughry and Moses Garrison, sergeants, Jacobus Bruyn, James Stringham and Jonah Hazard, corporals and Charles Clinton, clerk. It numbered 86 men, rank and file. Thomas Ellison of New Windsor, was one of the oldest merchant traders on the Hudson. His descendants are among us. Charles Clinton gave to the Revolution General and Governor George Clinton and General James Clinton, and from the latter came DeWitt Clinton. From Patrick McClaughry came Lieutenant-Colonel James McClaughry, whose name is written honorably in the defense of Fort Montgomery. Corporal James Stringham of 1738, was the progenitor of the late Commodore Stringham, and Sergeant Jacobus Bruyn was the father of Lieutenant-Colonel Jacobus Bruyn, . . .

List of the foot Company of Militia of the present of the Highland Under the Command of Capt. Thos. I Ellison.

note added: Men designated with * appear in an individual entry in the Markham of Chesterfield database. Bracketed items are suggested, alternate spellings.

Capt Thomas Ellison*

Lieut George Harrison
Ensign John Young
Serjent David Davis [David Davids]
Serjent Patrick McClaughry
Serjent Moses Garitson [Moses Garrison]
Corp Jacobus Bruyn Jn*
Corp James Stringham
Corp Jonathan Hazzard
Clerk Charles Clinton*

John Umphrey [John Humphrey]
James Gamble
John Gamble
Cornelus McClean [Cornelius McClean]
John Umphry Jn [John Humphrey Jn]
James Umphry [James Humphrey]
Peter Mulinder [Peter Mulliner*]
Robert Burnett
Archibald Beaty
Arthur Beaty
David Olliver
Mathew Davis
Alexander Falls
David Bedford
William Coleman
Joseph Sweezer
Thomas Coleman
John McVey
John Jones
Patrick Broderick
Joseph Shaw
Caleb Curtis
William Suttan
Jeremiah Foster
Charles Beaty
Amos Foster
Alexander Denniston*
James Young

James Nealy
Robert Feef
Joseph Butterton
Samuell Luekey [Samuel Luckey]
John Markham*
John Read
Joseph McMikhail
David Umphrey [David Humphrey]
Johannis George
Jeremiah Tomkins
Isaac Tomkins
William Watts
Josiah Elsworth
James Elsworth
Anthony Preslaer
Jonathan Tomkins
John Nicoll Jn
Alexander McKey
Robert Sparks
Jevriah Quick
Thomas Quick
Jacob Gillis
Joseph Simson
James Clark
John Clark
Lodewick Miller
Peter Miller
George Waygant
William Ward
Willam Ward Jn
John Mattys Kimbergh
William Smith Jn
James Edmeston [James Edmonston]
Tobias Waygate
Jerry Mause
Thomas Johnston
Casparis Stymas
John Monger

James Luekey [James Luckey]

Thomas Williams

Robert Banker

Thomas Fear

Frederick Painter

Moses Elsworth

John Marie

Jonathan Owens

Andrew McDowell

Daniel Coleman

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