

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Eakin R3184                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Ohio } ss            On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1836 personally appeared before me James  
Knox County }            McMillen, a Justice of the peace in and for the county of Knox aforesaid,  
William Eakin aged Eighty years, who being 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as  
hereinafter stated; That he was attached to the company of Captain John Lisle, but was detailed to drive  
wagon in wick employment he continued until his discharge under the command of wagon-master John  
Wilson. That he entered the sevice in the Summer of 1779 but by reason of old age and loss of memory  
he cannot be possitive as to the month when he entered the service or when he was discharged but that he  
is confident that he served not less than four months. At that time he resided in Berkley county Virginia  
[sic: Berkeley County in present WV] and was drafted. In the first part of his service he was employed in  
collecting provision and forage, at the town of Cumberland in the State of Maryland, for the use of Gen.  
[Lachlan] McIntosh's campaign. He then passed across the mountains and reached Elizabeth town on the  
Monongahala [sic: Monongahela] river from thence he returned to Martinsburg in Virginia where he was  
discharged

That he again entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and  
served as herein after stated Bigadier Gen. [Edward] Stevens Colonel and majors not reolleted Captain  
Anderson, lieutenant Whiteneck ensign Eakin that he entered the service in the summer of 1780 but by  
reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot be certain as to the month when he entered or when he  
was discharged but he is confident that he seved not less than eight months – that he resided in Berkley  
county state of Virginia when he entered the service by being drafted that he marched from Martinsburg  
in Virginia through Winchester, through Coulpepper [sic: Culpeper] county – crossed James river at  
Wood's ferry was at the Cheraw hills in Noth Carolina [sic: South Carolina] at the time of the battle of  
Cowpens Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 1781 from whence he returned and recrossed the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] river, at the  
mouth of the Yancy covering the retreat of Gen. [Daniel] Morgan receiving a number of prisoners  
consisting of british and tories at Pitsylvania Courthouse [sic: Pittsylvania Courthouse VA] from thence  
he marched to Albemarl barracks [sic: Albemarle Barracks near Charlottesville] where they delivered up  
their prisoners and marched to Martinsburg and was discharged – that in this tour he held the office of  
Sergant and was constrained by the importunity of his commanding officers to continue much longer then  
was legal time of service. Making in both tours a term of one year for which he claims a pension

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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 the day aforesaid                      William hisXmark Eakin

Interrogatories put by the court

1            Where and in what year were you born

An's      I was born in Berkley county Virginia and to the best of my knowledge in the year 1756

2<sup>d</sup>            Have you any record of your age

An's      I have none that I know of

3<sup>d</sup>            Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since the revolutionary  
war. And where do you now live

An's      I lived in Berkley County when called into service where I continued to live for a number of  
years after the revolution and then removed into Pennsylvania where I continued to reside untill I  
removed to my present residence which is in Brown township Knox county State of Ohio  
I was called into service by being drafted on both occasions

            In my first tour, to wit, of four months I was under a wagon master and do not recollect to

have seen any of the regular officers. In my second tour, to wit of eight months I frequently saw  
Gen Morgan

I never received a written discharge

For my character for veracity and truth I refer to James McMillen Esq'r Richard Deakins Barney  
DeWitt, William DeWitt, George Bush, Joseph Lovezeigs, Robert Mountgumery, John Carnehan,

NOTE: Eakin's claim was rejected by the Pension Office on the grounds that it was not military service,  
contrary to the Pension Office's own regulations.