

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Eanes Petition for a Federal Pension (R.3186)
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EANES, Edward. (R3186)

20 October 1834. Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Edward (X) Eanes of said county, aged 72, declares he was a militia soldier and served three tours. He marched from Charlotte County where he then resided, first under Captain Spencer into North Carolina and was attached to General Greene's army and with him in a skirmish at the haw field and in the battle of Guilford. He marched from Charlotte County on the second tour under Capt. Bibb toward the eastern part of Virginia about the time that Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown. The last tour he served under Captain Lee and was discharged in Dinwiddie County, Va. He served no less than six months as a private. He was born in Chesterfield County, Va., 2 May 1761. His age is recorded in a book now in possession of his nephew Hubbard Eanes.

20 October 1834. Pittsylvania Co., Va. James Johnson and William T. Gauldin, pensioners, declare he was a soldier and served as he stated.

15 May 1834. Pittsylvania Co., Va. James Johnston declares while on his way to join Gen. Greene's army in its distress when driven by the British through the two Carolinas into Virginia at Coles Ferry, Charlotte Co., Va, he came up with a large parcel of militia. He stepped up and told them the situation of the Americans and not to wait to be called out on a tour of duty but to step out and enlist as long as Greene's distress might be [.] long or short. Capt. Thomas Spencer stepped out and called out for volunteers to enlist and he very soon enlisted seventy-odd men. Edward Eanes, now of Pittsylvania County, was the first man enlisted. He often saw him [Eanes] in North Carolina where they fought the British at Guilford Court House. They gave Cornwallis such a drubbing that he ran off between two days. Then all the militia were discharged for want of provisions.

9 August 1834. Pittsylvania Co., Va. William T. (X) Gauldin declares he served in the Revolutionary War near six years and frequently saw Edward Eanes who was a soldier. He is of [the] opinion Eanes served six months or upwards. He was acquainted with Edward Eanes while he lived in Charlotte Co., Va., previous to his going in the army and has been acquainted with him since he moved to Pittsylvania County.

7 July 1836. Pittsylvania Co., Va. James Johnson of Henry Co., Va, declares Edward Eanes, then a citizen of Charlotte and now a resident of Pittsylvania County, was on a tour under Capt. Spencer for three months and was at the action fought at Guilford, N.C.

7 July 1836. [Pittsylvania Co., Va] (Doctor) James Robertson of said county, formerly of Charlotte Co., Va, declares Edward Eanes, then a resident of the same county, served a tour of three months under Captains Lee and Geridon in 1779 or 1780.

Documentation of Henry Eanes Revolutionary War Service

Item 1

Henry Eanes (3-11)

“One of his descendants in Texas has stated that family tradition tells that he went into the Revolutionary Army with his sons, but the official record of this has not been found. The record is clear that his sons, Edward and Arthur, were at Guilford C.H., N.C. with General Green in 1781.”

Source Quote: Pages 3-4 to 3-5. The Descendants of Edward Eanes of Henrico and Chesterfield Counties in Virginia. (s.p.: Richard Henry Eanes) 1968. Library of Congress Card Catalog Number 68-22265.

Item 2

Certificate of Campbell Daniel for Arthur Eanes

The affidavit of Campbell Daniel a Citizen and freeholder of the County of Charlotte being first sworn deposed and saith; That a few days previous to the Battle at Gilford he saw Arthur Eanes in North Carolina he was then well and clear of any wound; That he the deponent a few days before the engagement was ordered together with others to convey the prisoners to Albermarle in Virginia---The next time the deponent saw said Eanes he was at his Fathers in the County of Charlotte badly wounded in the left arm below the shoulder blade the ball continuing through the arm and coming out near the back bone: from which wound his arms is much withered and greatly disabled: ***The Father of said Eanes informed the deponent that he had to move him from Carolina in a cart on account of the wound: [Editor’s Emphasis]*** and further he has frequently heard Mr. Eanes from that time to the present complain of the injury received from that wound and believed to be cause of his affliction and further I say not:

Campbell Daniel

Sworn to in the County of Charlotte before us two of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for said County this 4th day of November 1812.

John Dennis

Wm B Morton

Source: Virginia Legislative Petition of Arthur Eanes for Revolutionary War Pension.

Editor’s Observation—This statement by Campbell Daniel in Arthur Eanes’ legislative petition lends credence to the oral tradition that Henry Eanes, father of Arthur and Edward, did in fact accompany his sons into the Revolutionary Army and served at Guilford C.H. in March 1781. As he was not wounded, Henry did not receive a state pension and he died before Federal pensions were allowed.
