

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Edens R3228

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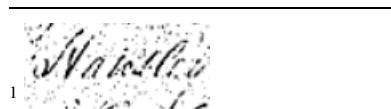
State of North Carolina New Hanover County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1835

On this the 11th day of March A.D. 1835 before the worshipful Justices of the Court aforesaid viz. William L. Larkins, Louis H. Marsteller, & Washington Collins Esquire personally appeared Jacob Edens a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-four years who being first 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 7th, 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated In a company of militia cavalry under Captain John Mason – Nathaniel Emmet [Nathaniel Emmett?] Lieutenant, William Hausley [?] ¹ Ensign, John Spicer Colonel, in the County of Onslow N. C. in February 1781 as a private and volunteer and served eight months in continual active duty, marched from Richland Chapel on New River in Onslow County to within about 10 miles of Wilmington having joined the militia of Onslow, and Coleman's company of regulars consisting of 500 men at the Chapel aforesaid before his march; the British at that time having possession of Wilmington he was constantly out and about Wilmington guarding against their depredations his marches were confined to the Counties of Onslow & New Hanover; he was in no battle. The times being troublesome & dangerous there were was great demand for the services of soldiers, he consequently continued in service the whole eight months without intermission and left the service in the month of October 1781 -- knows of no person by whom he can prove it.

Answers of applicant to the Questions propounded by the Court

1. I was born in Onslow County NC in 1760 or 61
2. I have no record of my age
- 3rd When called into service I was living in Onslow County NC -- Since the Revolutionary war I've lived for 44 years in New Hanover County & previous thereto, I lived in Onslow County NC
4. I volunteered.



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5. The only regular Officer I recollect with the troops where I served was Captain Coleman -- the only Continental troops I saw were a Corps of 500 men under Captain Coleman at Richland Chapel in Onslow. The militia Regiment commander were Colonel Spicer For the general circumstances of my service I refer to my declaration

6. I never received a written discharge

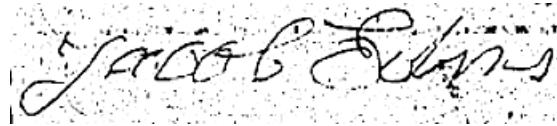
7. Nicholas Nixon, James Nixon, Nicholas N. Nixon, James Howard, Esquire, Colonel M. W. Campbell, Charles Nixon, William Sidbury & others I could mention.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thos. H. Davis, Clk

S/ Jacob Edens

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Edens", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[James Nixon and Charles Nixon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]