

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Edwards R3257                      Frances Edwards                      VA  
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State of Georgia } SS  
Jackson County }

On this the nineteenth day of April eighteen hundred & forty six, personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County aforesaid, Francis Edwards a resident of said County of Jackson State of Georgia aged seventy six 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 passed July 7, 1838; Entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of John Edwards who was a private & sergeant in the war of the revolution, that in the spring of the year 1777 or thereabouts he was drafted and served a tour of some length but how long she can not recollect and that he then resided in Stafford County Virginia, under Capt. Powell, from Peace neck or Stafford County, that some years afterwards he either volunteered or Elisted for another term from the same County & served a period long enough to make as she has often heard her husband say Eighteen months, that during some portion of the time, and she thinks towards the close of his service, he acted as Sergeant and was for some months engaged in waiting on and attending to the sick in the Hospital, all of which she states to be true as nearly as she can recollect. She further states that she has no documentary evidence of her husbands service, nor does she know of any person now living by whom she can prove his service – that she has heard her husband say he was entitled to land in Kentucky for his service in the war, but had never gotten it, on account of his failure to apply for it – that some twenty years ago, or more said he was entitled to a pension under some Law then in force and went to see one John Moore of Rutherford County North Carolina to solicit his aid in getting a Pension, but she does not know whether or not there were any proceedings ever had thereon – She does not recollect the name of any who served with her husband except one Samuel Ballinger a messmate – that she has heard her husband speak of being with Major Caruth but is not certain that he ever did service under Caruth, that her husband in his last years often spoke of trying to get a Pension and said he would apply, but as he was then so far from any witness & destitute of the means to defray expenses he put it off and never applied.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Edwards on the sixth day of October in the year seventeen hundred & ninty one in Prince william County Virginia – in about ten years thereafter they moved to Spartanburgh [sic: Spartanburg] District South Carolina – thence after some years to Rutherford County North Carolina, and thence in the year 1835 to Jackson County Georgia – that she was not married to him before his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz at the time above stated – and that her husband the said John Edwards died on the third day of August eighteen hundred and thirty eight. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

Frances herXmark Edwards

Charles Witt J.J.C.

NOTE:

As proof of marriage Francis Edwards submitted the family record from a blank page at the end of an Old Testament, transcribed below. On 2 March 1853 Jane Jones of Jackson County GA assigned power of attorney to pursue the claim of her mother. On 19 April 1855 Joab Jones assigned power of attorney for the same purpose, indicating that Frances Edwards died.

The file contains a query received 29 Oct 1928 regarding a John Edwards who served from South Carolina and had a pension application pending at the time of his death in Monroe GA. The letter contains information about the descendants of that John Edwards.

December 1801[?]

John and Frances Edwards was married octo the Sixth 1791 {John Edwards Sr born Sept 21<sup>st</sup>[?] 1759

Eleanor Edwards there Daughter was Born June 19 1792 [year unclear]

and departed this live June 21<sup>st</sup> 1802

Lucinda Edwards was born July 26 1794

Zachariah Edwards was Born February 21 1796

Maria Thereasey Edwards was Born December 3 1797

William Edwards was Born August 28 1799

Jane Edwards was Born March 15 1802

Frances Edwards was Born August 20 1803

John Wesley Edwards was Born December 19 1805

George Rumney Edwards was Born November 22 1807

Elizabeth Wheelar Edwards was Born march 29 1810

Richard Tompson Edwards was Born June 30 1813

Frances Edwards was borned the 14 of february 1770

John Edwards Sr. Decd August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1838 Aged 78 years 10 Months & 7 days [sic]