

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Edwards R3259

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State of Georgia, Franklin County: SS

On this third day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Ordinary of said County, now sitting, Joseph Edwards, resident of Captain Newell's District, in the County aforesaid, aged about seventy-seven 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit. He entered the service in the year '76 as a volunteer in Surry County in the State of North Carolina, under Captain Shepherd [James Shepherd] in Colonel Armstrong's [Martin Armstrong's] Regiment, and was marched to Cross Creek, but the battle was fought the day before we got there, he remained there for some time guarding the British & Tories, he was marched from Cross Creek to Hillsboro, from thence he went home, to recruit his horse & get clothing, but was soon called into service again & continued in service with short intermissions for about three years, was in no particular engagement, but was in a great many skirmishes, he was marched at one time to the Indian nation after the Indians & Tories, does not recollect that he received any discharge from Captain Shepherd but if he did has lost it. He then moved into Wilkes County in the same State where he was drafted to serve in Captain Martin's company, under Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], & was marched down to the lower part of North Carolina after Col. Fannin [David Fanning] & the Tories – but was in no engagement, he served forty-five days, as well as he can recollect, & was discharged. He was afterwards drafted & served thirty-three days under Captain Isbell [Pendleton Isbell], and Colonel Isaacs' [Elijah Isaacs'] Regiment, was in no particular engagement, & was discharged at the end of the term by Captain Isbell, which said discharge is herewith enclose – he was again drafted, & served fifteen days under Captain Sloan [William Sloan] and Colonel Cleveland, & was marched near the Virginia line, after a Tory Captain Cox & his Company, we took Captain Cox but could not find his Company – and was then discharged & returned home.

Served under Captain Shepherd three years as a Light Horseman & found his own horse: served three or four months afterwards as a foot private. Does not know any person convenient, that knew of his services positively.

1. Was born in Maryland, and to the best of his recollection in the year 1756.
2. Does not know that there is any record of his age.
3. When he was first called into service he was living in Surry County North Carolina, and from thence removed to his present residence in the year 1784 where he has remained ever since.
4. He was a volunteer the first three years in a Light horse Company & was drafted when he served afterwards.
5. Joined the Regular Troops at Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, where they were commanded by General Armstrong. Does not recollect the names of others.

6. Received several discharges (one in closed) which are lost, and does not recollect by whom signed.
7. Is known to Dozier Thornton, a preacher of the Gospel and to John Stonecypher in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos King, Clk

S/ Joseph Edwards, X his mark

We Dozier Thornton a clergyman and John Stonecypher<sup>1</sup> residing in the County and State first aforesaid hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Edwards who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; That we believe him to be 77 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion & the said Stonecypher saw him once on a march in the Army while in the service.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Thos King, Clk

S/ Dozier Thornton, X his mark

S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

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Georgia, Franklin County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Joseph Edwards to whose original Declaration this is attached, and who being again duly sworn on his oath saith & Depose, That by reason of old Age and the Consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following Grades. As a private he served in 1776 under Captain Shepherd in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment 42 days & was discharged to recruit his horse & get clothing.

In May 1776 he entered under the same officer as a private and served 15 days was marched to Chissels [Chiswell] Lead Mines and guarded some wagons loaded with Lead back to Surry Court House and was discharged.

In August 1776 under Captain Shepherd & Colonel Williams he served as a private four months and 20 days in a campaign against the Cherokee Indians to the lower Towns of the Tennessee River which we burnt.

In 1777 as a private he served one month against the Tories under Captain Shepherd & Colonel Armstrong.

In 1778 he served one month as a private under Shepherd & Armstrong.

In 1779 he done no service the Indians & Tories being quiet.

In 1780 he volunteered as a private under Captain Martin as a footman and served three months, under him and Colonel Cleveland after the British & Tories and was marched to Hickory Land Ford on the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] & was discharged in August.

In September 1780 he was drafted and served 30 days as a private under Captain Isbell & Colonel Isaacs & was marched after a Tory Colonel Fanning to Deep River & was discharged at Moravian Town. Same year served as a private 33 days under same, & received his discharge annexed.

In March 1782 he was drafted under Captain Sloan & Colonel Cleveland and served 15 days as a private, was marched to New River after a Tory Captain Coxe & returned home & was discharged by Captain Sloan.

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<sup>1</sup> MAY be this same man as [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

In 1776, 1777, and 1778 he says he served as a private Horseman under Captain Shepherd three years except about two weeks he had leave of absence to see his family, he has just above attempted to give a statement of each Tour but cannot from want of memory. When not out on duty for the three years aforesaid he was kept in Garrison of Surry Court House North Carolina aforesaid. And for such service or so much thereof as the Law will allow him he claims a pension. He served with an embodied Corps called into service by Competent authority, That he was either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit, except the two weeks aforesaid.

He knows of no person (except his brother who was living in North Carolina a year ago) by whom he could prove his service, but could prove by him if he is alive, but deponent is a cripple and unable to go & see whether he is alive.

Sworn to and subscribed or made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1833.

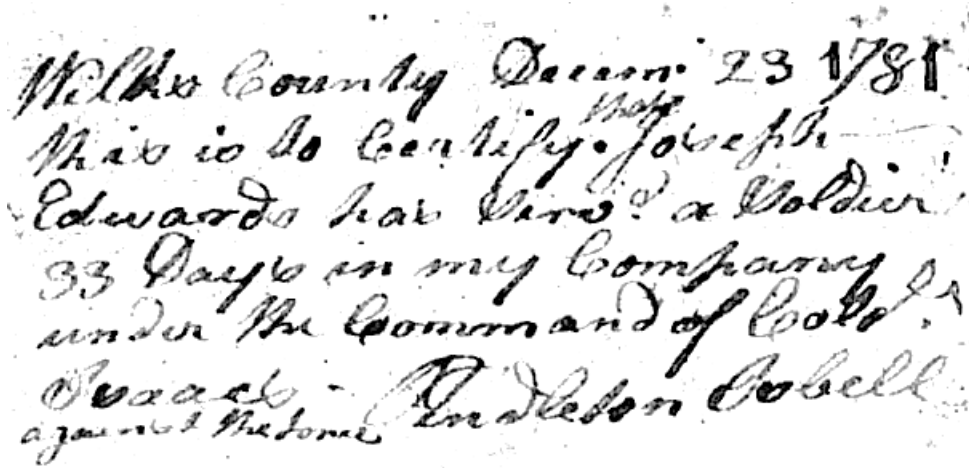
S/ C. Addison, JP

S/ Joseph Edwards, X his mark

Wilkes County December 23, 1781

This is To Certify that Joseph  
Edwards has serv'd a Soldier  
33 Days in my Company  
under the Command of Col.  
Isaacs  
against the Tories

S/ Pendleton Isbell



*Wilkes County Decemr 23 1781  
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State of North Carolina, Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Joseph Edwards

Book ZZ page 16 "private full pay from 10<sup>th</sup> November 1778 to 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1779 the sum of £26 S9 D6" specie Book No. 1, page 22 £1 S17, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1781.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1853.

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Comptr.

[p 11: On May 27, 1853 in Lumpkin County Georgia, Abel Edwards of Whitfield County Georgia

executed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son of Joseph Edwards, deceased, a soldier of the revolution.

*Abel Edwards* ]