

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Simon Edwards R3264

Sally Edwards

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1848

On this first day of March 1848 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Edgecombe, Kinchen Edwards, son of Simon & Sally Edwards deceased a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged Sixty 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and kept pensions to Certain widows" (also the Act of the 3rd of March 1843 granting one years pension to certain widows and the Act of June 17, 1844 continuing the pension of certain widows).

This Declarant the aforesaid Kinchen Edwards in right of himself and his brothers Benjamin Edwards & Levi Edwards States that he is the son of Simon Edwards deceased who was a Private Soldier of the North Carolina Militia and also a regular Soldier in the War of the revolution, as he has understood from his Father the said Simon Edwards and fully believes that his Father the said Simon Edwards entered the Service of the United States in said war some time in the year 1780 or 81 he believes and that he was in the service of the United States at least two years at different times, some times in the militia and some times in the regular Army. That his Father the aforesaid Simon Edwards was lawfully married to Sally Dowden soon after he returned from the Army at last time. That his Father the said Simon Edwards died on the __ day of December 1831 leaving his mother the said Sally Edwards a widow, who remained a widow until her death. That his said mother Sally Edwards departed this life on the 20th day of April 1841 leaving surviving, the following three children (viz.) the Declarant Kinchen Edwards, Benjamin Edwards and Levi Edwards Children and heirs at law of the said Sally Edwards deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written in open court.

Witness: S/ John Norfleet, Clerk

S/ Kinchen Edwards



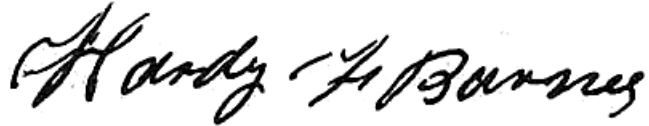
State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 3rd day of May 1848 personally appeared before me John G. Williams one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the said County Hardy F. Barnes and after being sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, says that he was well acquainted with Simon & Sally Edwards, that he has heard the said Simon Edwards many times speak of being a soldier of the Revolutionary war &c – That the said Simon Edwards died in December 1831 leaving his wife Sally a widow who remained a widow until her death which took place the 20th of April 1841. That Kinchen Edwards, Benjamin Edwards & Levi Edwards are the only surviving children of the said Simon & Sally Edwards. That his father Burrell Barnes [Burwell Barnes] administered on the estate of Simon Edwards and after settling the

same paid the balance over to the said children of Simon & Sally Edwards. Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ John G. Williams, JP

S/ Hardy F. Barnes



[p 6: Robert Lee of Edgecombe County gave an affidavit as to the date of death of Sally Edwards the widow of Simon Edwards.]

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Personally appeared before me John G. Williams, one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County Benjamin Edwards and after being sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God saith that he is the son of Simon and Sally Edwards, and next to the youngest child, that from the account given him he is now 46 years old – that he has heard his father say many times that he served several times in the Militia and regular Army during the revolutionary war – that his father died in December 1831 and left his mother a widow who remained a widow until her death which took place 20th of April 1841. There never was any family Bible or any other record kept of the bursts or death of his father and mother's children.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ John G. Williams, JP

S/ Benjamin Edwards



May 3, 1848

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 25th day of March 1848 personally appeared before me Bennett P. Pitt one of the Justices in and for said County Fanny Wooten of said County who being sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God saith that she is now 72 or three years old that she was well acquainted with Simon Edwards before he was married, frequently saw him at John Dowden's the father of Sally Dowden when he was paying his addresses to her – that she was not present when they were married but it was said they were married by the neighbors, and settled immediately thereafter and about 1 ½ miles of where she lived that the marriage took place as well as she recollects when she was about 10 or 12 years of age. They continued to live in this neighborhood as man and wife until they had several children, Kinchen, Lamon, Randal, Benjamin, Levi & Elizabeth. He then moved to the upper part of Edgecombe County where she understood he died and afterwards his wife Sally, she has also understood that Lamon, Randal & Elizabeth were also dead.

Sworn to and subscribed in presence of,

S/ Bennett P. Pitt, JP

S/ Fanny Wooten, X her mark

[p 15: Eley Cobb, 70, of Edgecombe County gave an affidavit substantially identical to Fanny

Wooten's affidavit except she adds "Lamon & Randal died several years ago and she has also understood that Elizabeth was dead also...." Her affidavit is dated April 2, 1848]

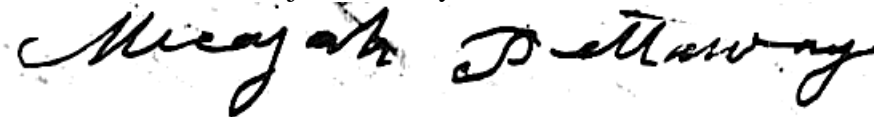
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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 1848 personally appeared before me John G. Williams, one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Micajah Pettaway¹ a Revolutionary Soldier and after being sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God, saith that he is in his 88th year, and that he is a pensioner at the rate of one hundred and twenty [indecipherable word] dollars and ninety nine cents per annum. That he was well acquainted with Simon Edwards and Sally his wife, that they moved immediately in his neighborhood about 40 years ago [illegible word] the lower part of this County that they brought with them several children to wit, Kinchen, Randal, Benjamin, Elizabeth & Levi and left one son by the name of Lamon when they moved from he was at that time a grown man and Kinchen Edwards was also grown at that time. That he was not acquainted with either Simon or his wife Sally before they were married, that her maiden name as he understood was Dowden, that he never heard it question but what they were lawfully married, that they lived together as such until their death and the children above named hired [?] their property. Simon Edwards died in the fall of 1831 and leaving his wife Sally a widow who remained a widow until her death which took place the 20th of April 1841. Lamon Edwards, Randall & Elizabeth are dead, Kinchen, Benjamin & Levi are the only surviving children of the said Simon & Sally. That he has frequently heard the said Simon speak of serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, some times in the Militia and sometimes in the Regular Army, that he heard him speak of serving one tour under Captain Raiford [illegible word, could be the 'twelve' but appears to have a 't' in it] months, that he was well acquainted with Captain Raiford and he has no doubt but Mr. Edwards served in the Revolutionary War as he stated. Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ John G. William, JP

S/ Micajah Pettaway

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micajah Pettaway". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes.

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County

On this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 1848 personally appeared before John G. Williams one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for the said County Lewis Todd² and after being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God he saith that he is now 85 years old and a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$49.16 per annum. That he was well acquainted with Simon Edwards and Sally his wife, that they moved about 1 mile of him about 40 years ago and brought with them in several children, Kinchen, Randal, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Levi Edwards and left one son where they moved from named Lamon, that Kinchen Edwards was a grown man when they moved, that Lamon, Randal & Elizabeth have since died, and that Kinchen, Benjamin & Levi are the only Surviving children of said Simon & Sally – that they continued to live in about 1 mile of him until their death – that Simon died some time in the year 1831 and left Sally a widow, who remained a widow until her death which took place sometime in the spring of 1841. That he had no acquaintance with them until they moved in the neighborhood, that he understood his wife maiden name was Dowden and he has no doubt but they were lawfully married, they lived as man and wife and the

¹ [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

² [Lewis Todd S7736](#)

children before named hired [?] their property. That he frequently heard Simon Edwards say that he served as a soldier through the Revolutionary war. That he has no doubt but he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ John G. Williams, JP

S/ Lewis Todd, X his mark