

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Endecott (Endicott) ¹ R3348 Wellmett Endecott f79NC

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State of Kentucky, Harrison County

On this the 12th March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Harrison County Court, Moses Endecott a resident of Bourbon County in State aforesaid, aged Seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the month of October 1777 under the command of Captain William Hardin who commanded a Company of volunteers in Colonel Joseph Williams Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and served a tour of three months, that at the expiration of the tour he was regularly and honorably discharged. That afterwards about the first of March 1778 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for twelve months under Captain William Underwood, who commanded a Company of horse, in Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's Regiment of North Carolina troops -- and was engaged during nearly the whole tour in expeditions against the Tories, without any thing remarkable except a few unimportant skirmishes. That at the expiration of the twelve months he was not discharged -- but agreed to continue in the service under the same officers as a minute man, to march at a moment's warning to any point that it might be deemed important to disperse bands of Tories who were keeping the country in constant confusion or to check any invasions the British might make -- that accordingly from early in April 1779 they were engaged in scouring the upper part of North Carolina for the purpose of checking the outrages of Tories and influence of the British who made great efforts to seduce the people to the cause of Great Britain. That this course was continued until about the first of March 1780 when he commenced a new service, which was the packing of lead at Chisles Mine [Chiswell Lead Mines] on New River in Virginia, that he continued in this employment until a few days previous to the Battle of Camden in which General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] -- that they were on their way to the minds when news of that defeat reached them and that circumstances stopped their trip. The lead was packed across the mountains for the use of the Army under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and afterwards of General Gates. That after General Gates defeat, he still continued in the service and was engaged in some severe skirmishes with the Tories in Henry County Virginia near a place called the Big Glades on New River -- and also in the upper part of North Carolina. That a short time previous to the noted

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Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] he had met with the misfortune to have his horse stolen by the Tories and was by that circumstance prevented from being in that engagement – that he was on foot & with the foot soldiers had taken the route different from the Horse with the view to intercept the British Commander Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] -- but that the party with which he was associated did not participate in the battle -- that he continued in the service on foot about six weeks and was then permitted to go home But a few days after his arrival at home, news of a large collection of Tories about the big glades induced him again to join his Company on horseback & he aided in breaking up their camps. General Greene [Nathanael Greene] had been taken command of our Army, and the vigilance of the British & Tories required his Company to be continually on the alert, and they were accordingly active all the winter. He well recollects shortly after the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], the Tories were rising in considerable numbers; and that he was engaged in several very severe skirmishes with them British on the Reedy fork of Haw River. He states that shortly afterwards these skirmishes, indeed only a few days, the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] was Fought in the Spring of 1781 -- and that then he left the service

He states that although he was at home repeatedly from March 1778 until March 1781 -- he was in the service of the United States all the time -- being enrolled as a minute man and being at home when there at all only for a few days -- and he further states that he kept his Horse for the service all the time from March 1778 to March 1781 -- a period of three years -- and that he had previously served a tour of three months under Captain Hardin. He states that whilst so in the service of the United States he relinquished all over pursuits -- that the greater part of the time he was in the service he was in North Carolina, but frequently in Virginia South Carolina & Georgia that he resided in Surry County North Carolina during his service & that he remained there after the war until 1786, when he removed to Kentucky where he now resides. That he well recollects Colonel Campbell [William Campbell], Colonel Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Major Franklin, General Rutherford, besides the officers already named That he was born in Burlington, New Jersey in October 1759 and has a record of his age in an old family Bible, now in his possession. That he is well known to John Miller, N. B. Coleman & Colonel Isaac Miller who can speak of his claims to credibility.

He states that he has no documentary evidence -- and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services, except his younger Brother Thomas Endecott & Mrs. Sarah Beacon, the daughter of William Hill deceased, who served with him in the same Company -- that the statement of his Brother & Mrs. Beacon is filed herewith

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

S/ Moses Endecott, X his mark

[Napoleon B. Coleman & John Miller gave the standard supporting affidavits.]

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The Statement of Mrs. Sarah Beaton formally Sarah Hill.

This Deponent aged about sixty-eight years & duly sworn saith that she was a good sized girl when the Revolutionary War broke out, and was well acquainted with of Moses Endecott, whose declaration for a pension has been read to her – that she knew that said Endecott entered into the American service during the revolutionary war and that she remembers it well because her father, the late William Hill went into the service at the same time – that she knows that said

Endecott served in the Army a considerable length of time, but cannot state how long. The said Deponent further states that she resided in North Carolina in the same neighborhood with said Moses Endecott, perhaps not more than three fourths of a mile apart & that she can never forget the circumstances of those times. She further states that she has been living in the same neighborhood in Kentucky for many years & now resides near him – that she has been acquainted with him & his family for sixty years or thereabout, not quite; that she will not state the years she has been acquainted with him, because she cannot, nor will she state the year when said Endecott entered the American Army – but she very well recollects that William Underwood was his Capt. & that Jesse Franklin was the Major. The other officers she does not recollect. This Deponent further states that it is well-known & generally understood in the neighborhood where he resides that the said Moses Endecott was a soldier of the revolution.

And further saith not

Sworn to this 14th of September 1832

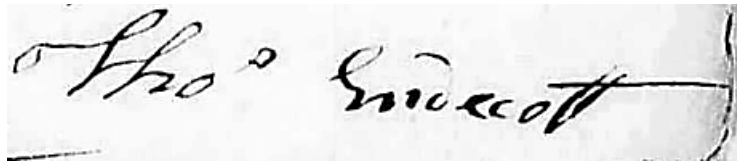
S/ Sarah Beaton, X her mark

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The deposition of Thomas Endecott aged about sixty-one years duly sworn says that he was young during the revolution, but distinctly recollects that his Brother Moses was frequently out in the service of the United States or Colonies & that he knows he was in the service & it was always said at the time that he was one of Underwood's light horse – that he recollects well of hearing of several skirmishes while his Brother was in the Army – as well as he can recollect in the neighborhood of Kings Mountain – Such was the reports in the neighborhood where they resided in North Carolina, Surry County – that he cannot say how long his Brother was in the service, but recollects that he was frequently out. This Deponent well recollects Capt. Underwood & Major Franklin, who were the officers under whom his Brother served – and states that he with all his family left Carolina about the year 86 and settled in Kentucky, where the family now resides – some in bourbon & others in Harrison County, close together – and further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to this 14 September 1832

S/ Thos. Endecott

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Endecott". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Attest by Samuel Endecott, Clerk of the County Court of Harrison County Kentucky

 Samuel Endecott . His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[p 9: On July 27, 1850 in Posey County Indiana, Wellmatt Endicott gave testimony that she is the widow of Moses Endecott, a revolutionary war pensioner now deceased; at the time he died he resided in Harrison County Kentucky where he had resided before his death for about 30 years and previous thereto he had resided in North Carolina. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 11: On September 20, 1855 in Posey County Indiana Wellmett Endecott, 82, filed an application for her bounty land entitlement stating that she is the widow of Moses Endecott, a revolutionary pensioner who received his pension for his services in Lexington Kentucky up to the time of his death on April 24, 1834; that she married him in Harrison County Kentucky April 8, 1834; that they were married by Charles Webb, a minister of the gospel, that she was the widow of Joseph Endicott (a resident of Nicholas County Kentucky at the time of his death) at the time she married Moses. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Charles Webb certifies that he joined Moses and Welmet Endecott in marriage on March 27, 1834.].

[Facts in file: the date of Moses Endecott's death is given in the file as April 24, 1834 or May 8, 1834 in Bourbon County, Kentucky or Harrison County, Ky; the widow moved from Ky to Montgomery County Indiana in 1834, where she lived 3 years then moved to Posey County, Indiana; she says she had 3 sons who fought in the War of 1812 (their names are not given).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia.]