

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Evans R3382 Elizabeth Evans VA
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State of Indiana } Lawrence Circuit Court Sct.
Laurence County } August Term 1827

Be it remembered that at a circuit court begun and held at the courthouse in Bedford in and for the county of Lawrence aforesaid before the honourable John F. Ross president judge of the second judicial circuit in and for said state, and the honourable John D. Laughlin and the honourable William Conley associate judges in and for said county on the 27th day of August in the year 1827 it being a court of record made so by the express words of the constitution and statute law of said state and having a seal and which proceed according to the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of their proceedings together with the power of fine and imprisonment personally appeared in open court Edward Evans resident in said county aged sixty nine years last June who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Edward Evans enlisted for the term of eighteen months on or about the tenth day of February in the year 1778 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Dillard in the regiment commanded by Col Morgan in the line of the state of Virginia [see endnote]; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except the state of Virginia; and that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. His children has eight or ten years back contributed to his support, and he was able to labour some little himself; but now owing to rheumatism pains old age and other bodily infirmities he is wholly unable to labour; and his children having large families, and being poor labourers are unable and unwilling to support him; and through ignorance he did not know until within three or four years back how to make application for a pension. And in pursuance of the act of congress the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

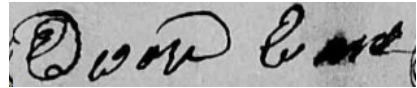
Schedule

One old horse. Five head of cattle, a few head of hogs. Three beds. Two or three pots. and one oven. Six chairs: and some cupboard furniture. No money or debts due me. And that since the 18th March 1818 no changes have been made in my property. Edward hisXmark Evans

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the revolution" approved on the 15th of may 1828:

I Edward Evans of Indian Creek Township in the county of Lawrence in the State of Indiana do hereby declare that I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war; and continued in its service until its termination; at which time I was a private in Captain Daniel Carlin's Company, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Morgan of the Virginia line [see endnote] (the Christian name of said Col Morgan or the number of said regiment) at this distance of time this declarant dose not recollect. And this declarant states that as to his afterwards having received a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars under the resolve of congress passed the 15th may 1878 [sic], that he dose not remember

whether he received any such certificate or not. and I further declare that I was not on the 15 day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States [26 Aug 1828]



TREASURY DEPARTMENT, / Sept. 17 1828

Edward Evans, of Indian Creek township in the County of Lawrence in the State of Indiana, has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain D. Carlin's company, in Col. Morgan's regiment of the Virginia line; and does not recollect that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

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The Pension claim of Edward Evans

This day [2 Jun 1832] personally appeared before me James Carpenter an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Evans [pension application W1582] of lawful age who being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he is a younger brother of the said Edward Evans above named, who now resides in Lawrence County and State of Indiana, and who as it appears on the 29th day of august AD 1827 filed his declaration and Schedule in the Lawrence circuit court in the State of Indiana, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of congress of the 18 march 1818 and the 1st of may 1820 which said act of the 18th March 1818 is in Etitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th march 1818 and that this deponant was a boy of about fifteen years of age or thereabouts when his brother the said Edward Evans above [illegible word] elisted in a, the regular service of the United States in the revolutionary war, that as well as this deponant remembers that said Edward Evans inlisted some time in the beginning of the year 1778. that said Edward Evans inlisted in the county of Pitsylvania [sic: Pittsylvania] and State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Dillard in the Regiment commanded by Col. Morgan, that this deponant and his father's family resided in Pitsylvania County and State of Virginia, (and not more than two miles distant from the residence of said Capt. Dillard) at the time that said Edward Evans inlisted, and this deponant further deposeth and saith that said Edward Evans inlisted for Eighteen months, that this deponant distinctly recollects the time when said Edward Evans left his father's house and joined the army, and this deponant further saith that at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town [19 Oct 1781], that this deponant was there as a malitia man, attached to the Virginia troops of Malitia, and that said Edward Evans was then there as a regular soldier, and that the said Edward Evans continued and remained during the revolutionary war in the regular service under the engagement in the continental establishment from the time of his inlistment to the end of the war, and untill the final disbandonment of the army at which time the said Edward Evans was regularly discharged, and this deponant further saith that he recollects of having seen the discharge of said Edward Evans at sundry times, which he now supposes to be lost, but by whom said discharge was signed at this distance of time this deponant does not now recollect, not particularly having charged his mind with the same, and considering it to be on no use. And this deponent further deposeth and saith, that the said Edward Evans before mentioned, and in the aforesaid Declaration named, is the same Identical Edward Evans, who inlisted as aforesaid, in the revolutionary war and who was discharged as aforesaid, and that the said Edward Evans is the same person mentioned in said declaration, and further this deponant saith not.

John hisXmark Evans

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Rockcastle County }

The Pension claim of Edward Evans

This day [4 Jun 1832] personally appeared before me James Carpenter an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Thomas Farriss [Thomas Faris, pension application S30407] who being duly sworn according to law, depose and saith, that he has been acquainted with the above named Edward Evans for upwards of fifty years who is now a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Indiana, and who as it appears has filed his declaration in the circuit court of the County of Lawrence and State of Indiana, on 29 day of August AD 1827 in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820 which said act of the 18th March 1818 is entitled – An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed on the 18th March 1818 and the deponent further saith that said Edward Evans enlisted in the month of February 1778 for the term of Eighteen months in County of Pittsylvania in State of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Thomas Dillard, in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Morgan that this deponent enlisted neare about the same time in the same company and in the same Regiment and further this deponent saith that he, and said Edward Evans were in the continental Establishment for Eighteen months under one engagement, in the company commanded by Capt Thomas Dillard, who was succeeded by Capt Jesse Herd [sic: Jesse Heard], who was afterwards succeeded by Capt. Isaac Clemments [Isaac Clements or Isaac Clemens] in the regiment commanded by Col. Morgan, and this deponent further saith, that he and said Edward Evans were mess mates in the same mess for Eighteen months, at which time this deponent returned home, and that said Edward Evans still remained in the Army as a Soldier in the regular service of the United States in the revolutionary war, after this deponent had returned, this deponent further saith that he was acquainted with the said Edward Evans herein mentioned, and in the declaration aforesaid named, from his infancy, and that he is fully satisfied that the said Edward Evans aforesaid is the Identical person named in said Declaration, and that the said Edward Evans aforesaid is the same person with whom this deponent served in revolutionary war as above stated for Eighteen months under one engagement in the continental Establishment. And further this deponent saith not

Thomas hisXmark Farriss

NOTES:

The only Col. Morgan in the Virginia Continental Army was Daniel Morgan. The Col. Morgan under whom Evans served was undoubtedly Col. Haynes Morgan, commissioned on 10 May 1776 in the 2nd Battalion of Minutemen and from 20 Dec 1776 to 24 Jun 1777 in the 1st Regiment of the Virginia State Line. Neither of these was considered Continental service that would be covered by the pension laws under which Evans applied. Since Capt. Thomas Dillard was in the Minute Service under Morgan, it is likely that Evans enlisted as a Minute Man in 1776. Jesse Heard succeeded Dillard as Captain in the summer of 1776. Daniel Carlan or Carlin was a Captain in the Militia of Henry County, which was formed from Pittsylvania County in Oct 1776. John Evans's pension application W1582 suggests that he and his brother, Edward Evans, lived in the part of Pittsylvania County that became Henry County.

The statements made by Thomas Faris in the above supporting statement do not entirely agree with the declaration he made to obtain his own pension. On 27 July 1858 the Pension Office wrote that the name Edward Evans could not be found on the rolls of Daniel Morgan's regiment, and the Edward Evans on the roll of the 9th Virginia Regiment enlisted at a different time (16 Jan 1777) and was a Sergeant. It was therefore concluded that there was insufficient evidence to show that Evans served long enough to qualify for a pension.

On 17 March 1853 Elizabeth Evans, 69, applied for a pension stating that she married Edward Evans in Lincoln County KY on or around 21 Feb 1804, that his claim for a pension was denied for reasons unknown to her, and he died on or about 25 Oct 1837. In an application for bounty land dated 1 April 1856 Elizabeth Evans stated that as Elizabeth Howard she was married to Edward Evans in Knox County KY by Rev. Isaac Renfro, and that her husband died on 25 Oct 1838. On 5 April 1858 she stated that the marriage occurred in Mercer County KY, and William Boyd presented an original family record

showing that Edward Evans died on 10 Oct 1838.

A letter from the Pension Office dated 25 Feb 1857 states that “Bounty Land was allowed her because, in a spirit of liberality, it was thought more than probable that her husband had rendered as much as 14 days service in the War of the Revolution; but it can not be admitted that the proof on file justifies the allowance of a pension.”