

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Evins (Evans) R3387

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State of Georgia, Jackson County

On this 6 day of November 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before DeWitt J. Hampton [?], presiding Judge of the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting, John Evans [sic], a resident of Jackson County and State aforesaid, aged 75 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 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

That he volunteered his services in the County of Southampton & State of Virginia under Captain Richard Killow and performed a tour of three months in & about Norfolk & Portsmouth: was at a skirmish [December 9, 1775] at a place called Long Bridge over Potomac [River] near Norfolk Virginia, in which skirmish a British Colonel (or other officer) named Fordyce [Charles Fordyce] was killed in crossing the bridge for the purpose of taking the American works on the opposite side of the River -- The Americans were commanded by Parker, Blanton, Killow & other officers of the militia. Shortly after this Norfolk was set on fire [January 1, 1776] at the instigation and through the agency of Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Gov. of the Colony of Virginia] and about half burned up. This Deponent was then at that time stationed for the Defense of Norfolk -- After the expiration of this tour, Deponent removed to North Carolina where he was Drafted in Nash County for nine months service -- At the place of rendezvous not far from Halifax on Roanoke N. C. Captain John Baker [sic, probably James Baker], a Continental Captain, took command of the Company to which Deponent was attached - - Colonel Hogan [James Hogun] Commanded the Regiment -- From here we were marched to the Schuylkill River near Pennsylvania & placed under the command of the Commander in Chief General Washington -- and there remained until the time of his, applicants service, expired -- Deponent thinks this was in 1777 but cannot recollect dates particularly Deponent after arriving at Schuylkill acted he thinks as a Lieutenant under Captain Baker but never had any commission -- He wore a Continental dress & was considered & called a Continental Soldier -- During this service there was no fighting that he recollects of the reason for which was assigned to him that the British forces had gone Southwardly -- This Deponent often saw General Washington during the time of encampment near Philadelphia This applicant received discharges for both the above named tours; the first signed by Captain Killow; and the last by Captain John Baker, but he has lost both of them --

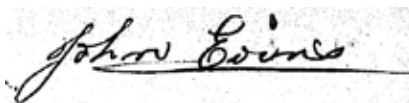
After the expiration of the nine months tour Applicant enlisted under Colonel Parker of

the Virginia State Troops for three years -- which term did not expire until about the time of the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] During this three years the applicant served constantly in the Virginia State Troops as a Captain under Colonel Parker -- Sometimes about Williamsburg sometimes about Petersburg watching & Guarding wherever danger was apprehended -- but never were in any fighting during the whole period --

This applicant was in constant service almost 4 years during which period he scarcely ever saw home; he was about 20 years of age when he entered the service & according to a family record he was born 16 July 1757. He received a discharge from the three years service signed by Colonel Parker & Colonel Blanton both, but has long since been lost or destroyed -- Since the revolution he lived for some time in North Carolina Nash County & for the last 32 years he resided at the spot where he now lives in Jackson County Georgia. He has no documentary proof or personal testimony by which to establish his claim, now in his possession, but respectfully refers to the rolls of the Department believing that his name will be found in the Company roll of John Baker of the Regiment of Colonel Hogun of the Continental Army of the periods spoken of before --

He names as persons to whom reference may be made, Thomas J. Bowan, Perry Bowen, James Montgomery, David Witt, Joseph Hampton
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court
S/ Joseph Hampton, JIC

S/ John Evins



S/ Amos [?] J. Brown, JIC

S/ David Witte, JIC

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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Hampston, JIC

S/ John Evins

S/ Jessey J. Brown, JIC

[Reuben Thornton, a clergyman, and James Hampton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Jackson County: Declaration of John Evans Explanatory of one made out to the Department of War in order to obtain a Pension under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 (Declaration Dated 6th of November 1832)

1st Tour -- That he volunteered and served as Stated in said Declaration under Captain Killow a three months Tour -- which Tour he served out and refers to the said declaration for Particulars

2nd Tour -- That he removed to North Carolina and was drafted for nine months and after arriving at the Place of Rendezvous was Placed under Captain Baker, a Continiton [sic Continental?] Captain and served out the time but lay in winter quarters the bulk[?] of the time, he thinks, in the year 1777 and acted under Captain Baker as a Lieutenant or Sergeant or under officer but had no Commission, and Refers to the said Declaration for Particulars of Service, it was in this Service that he refers to the Rolls of the Department for his name under Captain Baker

3rd Tour -- He enlisted for three years under Colonel Parker in the Virginia State Troops as a private but after entering he was told by Captain Parker if he would Enlist 20 men he should have a Captain Command that he turned out and enlisted 27 men and that he received a Captain Commission and his Company was made up and he commanded a Company During the Ballance

of the Service that this service was done as a horse or Dragoon Service -- that they received their horses and equipments at Williamsburg Virginia the then Seat of government of Virginia -- This explains the 1st declaration that he Enlisted as a Private and served as an officer -- your applicant was at this Time a citizen of North Carolina as stated in his second Tour of duty, but after that tour expired he never returned home but enlisted in Virginia for 3 years as stated above under Colonel Parker and served as stated, in said Declaration as the Virginia State Troops but never was marched out of Virginia but Performed the Service as Stated in the first declaration about Williamsburg, Petersburg, Richmond, Norfolk &c -- the other Particulars required by the Rules of the Department he refers to the 1st Declaration -- he has no Personal Evidence to Prove his Services in this State that he knows of, but has no doubt if he could visit Virginia he could find some person who served with him, but he is too old and infirm to undertake such a Journey -- but would give the names of different individuals who served under him during this tour of Service that no doubt some of them is living and have probably applied for pensions which will go to strengthen my Declaration -- to wit Benjamin Kitchen¹ -- Jonas Richardson -- John Brantley -- Ambrose Dudley² -- Brittain Gross -- Jourdain Sherod,³ Matthew Brantley, Julius Strickland, Sam Finch and could name many others -- your applicant has now done all he can towards complying with the requisitions of the department all of which he avers to be true, and as he has served his Country and helped to obtain our Liberty and happy form of Government -- and is now old and very Poor and unable to Procure a living by labor he Respectfully Prays that he may Receive the Bounty of the government that he is so Justly Entitled to help his declining days to his Grave in Peace.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this third day of November 1834

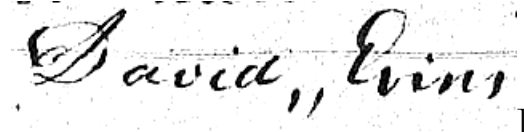
S/ Edward Adams, JIC

S/ John Evins

S/ Robert Moon, JIC

S/ Nath C. Garrett, JIC

[p 9: On July 28, 1858 and Habersham County Georgia, David Evins, 60, applied for the pensions due his father under the 1832 act.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David, Evins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "David" is written with a large, decorative initial 'D'. The second name "Evins" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular box.

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¹ [Benjamin Kitchen S31797](#)

² [Ambrose Dudley \(Dudley\) S1949](#)

³ [Jordan Sherrod S7489](#)

Compt Office
Raleigh N.C.

I William B. Collins Comptroller of Public
Accounts in and for the State of North
Carolina do hereby Certify that the name
of John Evans appears of record in this
Office as having had the following Special
Certificates issued in his favor for Military
Service. (Wiz) One for fourteen Pounds Eight
Shillings (£14.8) see Book No 3 page 27 also
another for twenty pounds five shillings (£20.5)
also another for seven pounds fourteen shillings
(£7.14) see Book No 1 page 32 also another
for seven pounds four shillings (£7.4) see
Book No 11 page 5. also another for two
pounds fourteen shillings (£2.14) see Book
No 2 page 1 given and in my hand and
soe this 24 day Dec 1849.

Wm Collins Comptroller
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