

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Evans R3409 Unicy Evans VA
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State of North Carolina } On this 22^d Day of November 1853 personally appeared before me
Cleveland County } James Roberts one of the members & Judge of the Court of pleas and
quarter session for Cleveland County and State aforesaid, Unicy Evins a resident of North Carolina in the
County of Cleveland, aged 78 years, who being first Duly sworn according to law, Doth on her oath make
the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress
passed 7 July 1838 and the act of 29 July 1848 granting pensions to widows of persons who served in the
Revolutionary War: That she is the widow of Jesse Evins, who was a private soldier of the Virginia
Continental line, for the term of two years or upwards under Col. Cropper [see endnote] and he also
served in the militia of said state but the but length of service and name of officers not known – the time
that her said Husband entered & left the service she is not able to state that he was a resident of the State
of Virginia near the North Carolina line the County not recollected and that before or shortly afterwards
mooved into Caswell County in the State of North Carolina. She further Declares that she was married to
the said Jesse Evins sometime in the year 1793 or 1794. that her husband the aforesaid Jesse Evins died
on the 8 Day of August 1826. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the
marriage took place she believes previous to the first of January 1794 [as required under the pension act]
– and she knows previous to the second of January Eighteen hundred viz – the time above stated. She
further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension
Unicy herXmark Evins

NOTE:

A list of soldiers who enlisted with John Cropper, Jr. [pension application W3781; <http://revwarapps.org/b85.pdf>] includes the following: “Jesse Evans fifer Dead.” The list was made in 1807, however, so this Jesse Evans could not have been the husband of Unicy Evans who lived until 1826.

On 12 June 1856 David Evans, 52, applied for the pension considered due to his mother, Unicy Evans, up to the date of her death on 9 April 1855 at age 78 or 79. A letter in the file from the Clerk of the Baptist Church of Christ at Sandy Run in Cleveland County confirmed the date of her death. David Evans also stated that his mothers maiden name was Unicy Reynolds, and that she died before she was able to collect all the evidence to prove her pension claim. He listed his brothers and sisters still living as follows: Elizabeth Durham, Anne Durham, Sarah Carrell, Mary Stroud, Lewis Evans, Lucinda Cline, Thomson Evans, and Jefferson Evans.

On 10 June 1856 William L. Eskridge, nephew of Unicy Evans, stated that his father’s family record showed that he was born 17 Dec 1795, and that Elizabeth Durham was older than he. His mother, Elizabeth Eskridge, stated that Jesse and Unicy Evans were married in 1794. On 31 Oct 1856 Drury Scruggs, a clergyman living in Spartanburg District SC, stated that he knew Jesse Evans’s family and believed the oldest child was Elizabeth Durham, 61 or 62 years old.