

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Evan Shelby R9471

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

North Carolina            }  
Mecklenburg County    }

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1856 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid Dan Alexander a resident of Charlotte 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 provision made by the Acts of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, and all subsequent acts applicable to this case. That he is the son in law of Susanna Shelby, and also the Administrator in her estate, that the said Susanna was the widow and relict of Evan Shelby who was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served as the traditionary history of the County says throughout the whole or a greater part of said war, that he has heard many of the old soldiers say that Evan Shelby was a true Whig and did much service. That he served under Capt. Wm. Alexander as a light horseman one ten months tour in South Carolina commanded by Col Wm. Polk under Gen'l. Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter] that he was in the battle of Cowans Ford [on Catawba River in NC, 1 Feb 1781], the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and divers other battles both in North and South Carolina. He further declares that Susanna Shelby was married to Evan Shelby on the [blank space] 1776, or 1777, from the best information that can now be obtained there being no family record, and no marriage bond on file in the County Court Clerks office where such bonds are kept, But affiant is well satisfied from his own age compared with ages of Evan and Susanna Shelbys eldest children, that the said marriage must have taken place early in the Revolution, their eldest child if living would be several years older that affiant. That Evan Shelby died on or about the [blank] day of April 1825, leaving his widow Susanna Shelby surviving - who continued his widow until the [blank] day of June A.D. 1837, when she also died leaving affiants wife (since dead) and that Thomas Shelby, Harriet Alexander, Isabella Alexander, Sarah Alexander, Mary Alexander and Milton Shelby are the only surviving children of the aforesaid Evan and Susanna Shelby - all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof accompanying this declaration

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before us  
[signed] Dan Alexander Administrator

NOTE: This Evan Shelby was the grandson of Col. Evan Shelby who was active in the Cherokee Wars during the Revolution.

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Evan Shelby  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 6922

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Transcribed by Will Graves

6/20/20

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 2121 Book X dated 21<sup>st</sup> January 1788 "delivered to Mr. Evan Shelby this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Sixty Seven pounds thirteen Shillings and ten pence Sterling (Special Bounty) & arrears of Cloathing in Sumter's [Brigadier General Thomas Sumter's] Brigade per Certificate of the Commissioners for adjusting the Claims against said Brigade."]

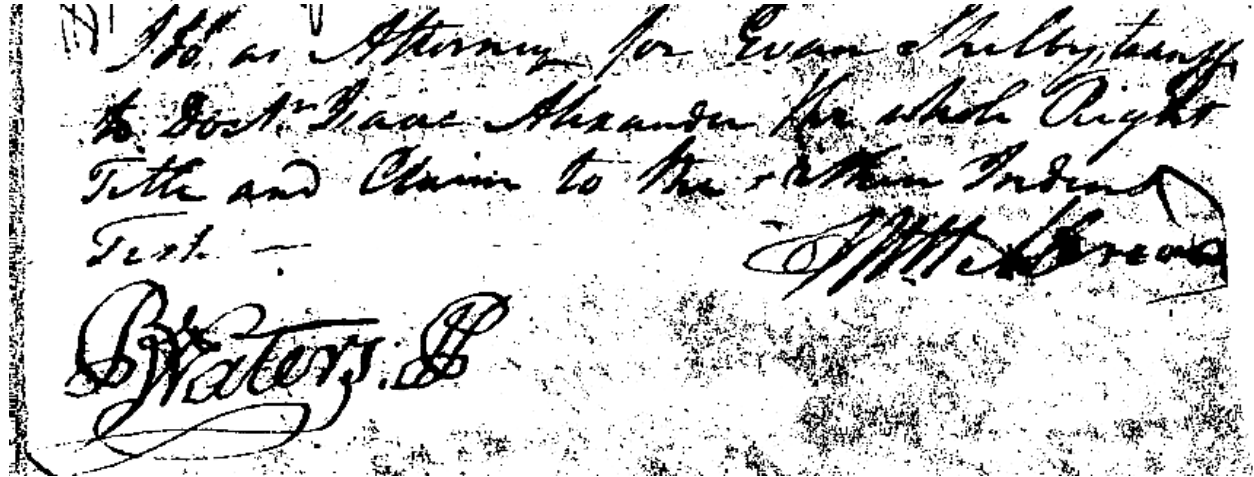
[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do as Attorney for Evan Shelby, [undeciphered word or words] to Doctor Isaac Alexander the whole Right Title and Claim to the within Indent

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S/ P. Waters, JP<sup>2</sup>

S/ Wm Alexander



NI I do as Attorney for Evan Shelby, transcribe  
to Doct. Isaac Alexander for whole Right  
Title and Claim to the within Indent  
Test. —  
P. Waters, JP  
Wm Alexander

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

<sup>2</sup> The signature below is that of Colonel Philemon Waters of the South Carolina militia