

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Edwards S10610

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State of Alabama, Perry County: Circuit Court Fall Term 1832

On this the 20th day of October A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Ptolemy T. Harris of said Circuit Court now sitting John Edwards a resident of Perry County & State of Alabama aged eighty years on the 12th day of August next 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 & served as herein stated (viz.) That I enlisted for eighteen months in this service under Captain William Hill in Franklin County State of North Carolina as a member of a light horse Company under command of the said Hill in the year 1777 or eight & the fall season – Michael Little was the first Lieutenant and John Robertson second. We marched immediately through North Carolina – South Carolina and Georgia and were stationed in Georgia at Sullivan's Fort on the waters of the Altamaha River I remained there but a short time, the troops getting sickly & the troops were marched lower down the River to Fort Barrington about a day's march – from thence again of the Altamaha River to a place called Bullsborough where the troops were put under the command of Colonel Scriven [James Screven] whose Christian name is not recollected. At the last mentioned place I was engaged in a battle with the Tories assembled at that place in about three quarters of an hour they were repulsed. From thence I marched with the troops to the mouth of Ogeechee River and the last mentioned State 10 or 15 miles below Sunbury-- remained stationed there a short time & from thence marched to Augusta where I remained stationed until my time expired & was there discharged.

This affiant further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure as to his service and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in Court the day & year above written.

S/ D. S. Coward, Clerk

S/ John Edwards, X his mark

To the first Interrogatory this Deponent answers & says I was born on the 12th day of August 1752 in Culpeper County Virginia.

To the second he answers that he has a record of his age in his family Bible at his house & knows of no other.

To the third he answers he has stated in his declaration the place where he lived when he entered the service – I lived a few years afterwards in Culpeper County in Virginia – moved thence to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia thence to Oglethorpe in the same State and thence in the year 1821 in to Perry County & State of Alabama where he now lives.

To the fourth Interrogatory He answers entered the service as stated in the declaration – also

volunteered for a short time previous to the service above stated -- & was twice drafted since the service stated in my declaration but my service was of less importance at those times as we were not engaged so actively.

To the fifth interrogatory He answers & says he has given as full an answer to these questions as his memory enables him in his declaration.

To the sixth Interrogatory he answers I did receive a discharge at Augusta but from what officer or what has become of it I cannot recollect.

To the seventh Interrogatory, He answers I am known to my neighbors generally & refer you particularly to Nicholas Harden [could be Harder] & Claiborne Martin.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ John Edwards, X his mark

S/ D. S. Coward, Clerk

[John Tubbs, a clergyman, Nicholas Harden and Claiborne Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that I find on a book of settlements of the revolutionary Army accounts, that they are were four or five persons of the name of John Edwards who had accounts for services performed as revolutionary soldiers settled by different boards of Commissioners, but having no rolls of the Light Horse Companies who served in said Army, I cannot say whether either of them was the present applicant for a pension, but on comparing the musterrolls with the book of settlements I think it probable that one of the accounts settled was the account of John Edwards, the person now applying for a pension.

Given under my hand this 24th of August 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for 18 months in the North Carolina militia.]