

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Evans S10640

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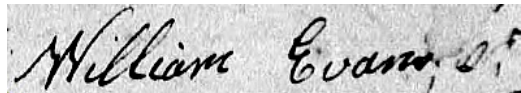
County of Mathews }

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting, William Evans a resident of Mathews County State of Virginia aged eighty six 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was called out with the Gloucester Malitia under Captain John Willis, Hugh Hayes Lieut George Plummer Ensign, Colo Sir John Peyton was Colo of the County – he left the service about October 1781, the first skirmishes he was in were on Gwynn’s Island [Gwynn Island, July 1776] with Lord Dunmore his officer then were Brigadier Andrew Lewis Colonels Daingerfield and McClannahan [probably William McClenachan], Colo James Baytop and Colo Boswell was with him part of the time he served; at the seige of York Colo John Page and James Ennis [sic: James Innes] commanded his regiment He does not recollect exactly the day nor the year when he first entered into the service, but it was just at the time Lord Dunmore mustered up a fleet and made an attack upon Norfolk [1 Jan 1776], he there got [illegible word] sufficiently to have cause to attack our men in Hampton, Colo Peyton then called out the companies of Gloucester County which then comprised this County James Hubbard made up a Company of volunteers and went to their assistance, the rest of the companies were kept on duty at home, he was among those that were on duty in their own county, he was first stationed at New Point Comfort in Kingston Parish, he was at York when Corn Wallace was taken [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] he heard drum beat as they marched the British troops out of town and when General Washington marched in. He was in no set engagement except the seige at York, he was in many little skirmishes with vessels making inroads upon the coast, one at Gwynn’s Island and one at Point Comfort in particular. He resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County state of Virginia when he was called into the service as a malitia-man and has resided there ever since. He received no written discharge has no documentary evidence to show the time of his service or of his discharge, he thinks he served near five years in all He marched several times over to Williamsburg where he served tours at different times once under a Major Dabney when Corn Wallace first came to York [1 Aug 1781] the Gloucester Malitia were drawn into a line of Battle near Whiting[?] mill in the edge of King & Queen County – from there they marched over into Middlesex, then back again then down to Weir Church [sic: Ware Church near Gloucester] – When General Washington came the Gloucester Malitia had a furlow of ten days, he went back to camp before the furlow was out, from Weir Church they marched down to Seawell’s Old field [half mile from Gloucester] there they had another encampment. He was in the engagements they had about Gloucester he was at York when Lord Corn Wallace surrendered. He was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County in the year 1745. he has no record of his age. He was once drafted to go the North in the Continental line but he procured a substitute. He did not serve with any of the continental troops and knows none of the officers. He has in his possession a certificate signed by John Peyton dated August 1777 certifying that he had taken the oath of allegiance in conformity to an Act of the General Assembly. Simeon Green can prove his service.

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. Wm hisXmark Evans

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the county of Mathews and state of Virginia, William Evans who being duly sworn, deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade: For four years & served as a private militia man and for such service I claim a pension
[19 Feb 1833]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Evans". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[21 Nov 1833] The Affidavits of John White [pension application W6476] Richard Hunt & William Diggs [sic: William Digges S8327] both of lawful age made at Mathews County to accompany the declaration of William Evans made on the 15th of August 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

These Affiants being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with William Evans before he entered the service in the Revolutionary war during his service and ever since till the day of his death, that he was with them on duty at Williamsburg, Hubbard's Old field, Seawell's Old field, and Gloucester Town, that he belonged to Captain John Miller's company of the Gloucester militia commanded by Colo Sir John Peyton.

For three months he served in Gloucester county

For three months he served at Williamsburg

For three he serve in Whites neck under Peter Barnett Capt

for two months and [blank] days he served at Hubbard's Old field – for one month and [blank] days

[several illegible words] Old field. he was on duty by order of the Colo of the County and was engaged in no civil occupation during the periods mentioned above – and further these Affiants say that the above named William Evans served other towers of servis than those named a bove that these Affiants were not with him and we believe that he served two years or moor further the affiants sayeth not

NOTES:

Simeon Green and Gabriel Hughes also made a supporting declaration.

By a motion of William Evans, witnessed by Richard Foster and George P. Evans, it was certified that William Evans, Sr. died on 24 April 1833, leaving no widow and two children: William Evans and Francis Evans. Another son, Thomas Evans, had died leaving children George P. Evans and Lucy Evans. Another son, John Evans, had died leaving children Thomas Evans, Elizabeth Evans, and Ann Evans.