

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Marks S11015

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State of Virginia Surry County

On this 28th day of April 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County aforesaid now sitting in Open court Edward Marks Senior a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1779 in the month of May as a drafted militia, with Captain Henry Briggs, Major Wells and Colonel Benjamin Blunt of Southampton and served in the 4th Virginia Regiment of the Virginia line under the above named officers a Tour of six weeks, when he was discharged at Smithfield (in Isle of Wight County). That he entered the Army again the same year in the month of October under the command of Captain Samuel Cocke, Major Boyce and Colonel Holt Richardson as a volunteer, and marched from Surry County to Isle of Wight -- and was engaged up and down the shores of James River as the movement of the British required their Services -- and it was at the time the British burnt Suffolk and was discharged again at Smithfield when he also served a term of six weeks. That he entered the Army again in the year 1780 in the month of January under the command of Captain John Simmons Senior Major Wells and Colonel Blunt as a drafted Militia man and marched from Southampton to Smithfield in Isle of Wight County and below Smith [sic, Smithfield?] on the shore of James River and Nansemond River and was discharged in Southampton County when he also served a tour of 6 weeks. That he entered the Army again in the month of June of the same year under the command of Captain Abraham Mitchell, as a drafted Militia Man and marched from Southampton to Isle of Wight, Suffolk and was again on various parts of the shore of James River as the British was committing various depredations on the shores whenever they found opportunity to land -- and was again discharged in Southampton at which time also he served six weeks. That he entered the Army again in the month of October under the command of Captain Lewis Joiner, Major Wells and Colonel Blunt and marched to Isle of Wight and Nansemond and was discharged at Broad water [? could be 'matter' or 'nolter'] Bridge<sup>1</sup> -- that he also served six weeks at this time. That he entered the Army again in the month of February in the year 1781 under the command of Captain Abram Mitchell and marched to Babs old field [Babbs Old Field] in Isle of Wight County, and he was transferred to the command of Captain Cummings and Major Decloman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] and was at different places to which

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<sup>1</sup> *Broad matter bridge*

Nansemond, Great bridge & Norfolk and was in several small skirmishes near the great bridge and was discharged in Isle of Wight County -- at which time he also served a Tour of six weeks. That he entered the service again in the month of June of the same year under the Command of Captain Henry Blunt as a drafted Cavalry man and marched to Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Norfolk at the time of the British light horse was traveling through the Country, and was discharged in Isle of Wight County at which time he also served six weeks. That he entered the Army again sometime in the month of August of the same year as a drafted Militia under the command of Captain John Simmons Junior Major Lucas and Colonel Blunt and marched through Sussex, Surry and crossed James River at Swan's Point ferry and marched to Williamsburg and thence to York, when he left the Guard at the Magazine and came home and was never afterwards called out during all of which said Tours he was a resident of Southampton County, and for his various services he has never been compensated that in the whole he was in actual Service 48 weeks. That he has no discharges or other documentary papers to establish his said. His times of Services --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward Marks



Interrogatories propounded by Court

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in the County of Surry in the year 1757

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have record at home

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer in the County of Southampton I lived in Southampton until the year 1785 in what said year I removed to live in the County of Surry where I have lived ever since and still continued to live --

How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer I was drafted as a Militia Man, except one when I volunteered for six weeks -- State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

General Lawson, General Peter Muhlenberg -- Major Decloman, Colonel Holt Richardson, Colonel Josiah Parker -- Colonel Blunt, Major Lucas

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer no I never did was relieved at the end of every six weeks when in service by other Companies

[Josiah Harriss, a clergyman, and Benjamin Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service.]