

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Williams S17199

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[Missouri, Howard County]

Edward Williams of the County of Howard & State of Missouri in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, doth make the following Declaration "I was born in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland[;] at the age of five years (I have been told) my father with myself and my family removed from that State to the State of North Carolina Rowan County on the Yadkin River as to the year I was born in I cannot tell I heard my father say that he lost his Book in which the age of his children were recorded while on his journey to North Carolina; according to his account am now about 72 years of age I believe that I was about 20 years of age at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] I cannot tell whether any record was ever made of my birth in the County of my nativity; I volunteered as a soldier in the North Carolina militia for a tour of three months serving in Rowan County aforesaid under the command of Richard Dowell, Captain, __ Lock [sic, Francis Locke] Colonel, Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] General the particular year I do not remember, but think it was in the month of June or July. I set out with the Company from Salisbury and passed through Mecklenburg County where we met the British Army who being too strong for us we returned to Salisbury and we were detached to guard the prisoners at this place, who were chiefly Tories, in them times when any person was strongly suspected of being a Tory he was sent to the barracks and put under guard here I continued until my three months was out. I got no written discharge; Captain Foss [Peter Foss] had the Command of the guard that was said over the Prisoners. I again volunteered in the Horse Company, for a tour of 30 days, under Captain Craig [James Craig] to do service as Rangers against the Tories I continued in this service making frequent excursions in the Tory neighborhood and brought in a few prisoners until my 30 days was out I got no written discharge; the third tour I served I was drafted for three months tour in was enrolled under Captain Richard Dowell the same and that I volunteered under the first tour, I set out with the Company from my father's in Rowan aforesaid, and proceeded through Mecklenburg County N. C. and crossed the Catawba River at Sheralds ford [Sherrill's Ford] thence through several counties the names not recollected in a direction to the Eutaw Springs for to join and assist Generals Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan] who were then there or on the road to that place in order to meet the British Army, but the battle at the Eutaw Springs took place before we reached Greene's Army, I went on till I met with Greene's Army a little time before I joined Greene, I was attached to the command of Captain Cowan¹ who was a militia officer and lived also in Rowan County, he then took command of a guard to conduct the prisoners that had been taken by General Greene to the Virginia line, where the Virginia troops

¹ Three men by that surname are known to have served as captains in the Rowan County NC militia, namely: David Cowan, George Cowan and Thomas Cowan.

met us, and received the prisoners, at this time & place I got my discharge which was signed by Captain Cowan. I carried my discharge as a Sergeant home with me and it was lost as well as I remember it was burnt with other old papers of my father's. I lived in Rowan aforesaid from the time I first moved there till I removed to the State of Kentucky Lincoln County, this happened before the State Government took place there, I lived about 30 years in the same neighborhood, and then removed to Williamson County Tennessee and lived there 3 years from that place removed to Howard County Missouri where I now live, I have no documentary evidence to establish my claim, nor have I knowledge of any person in this State by whom I can prove my Services. I never have applied for a pension before and I hereby relinquish all right to a pension by virtue of any Act of Congress passed prior to the 7th of June 1832.[']

S/ Edward Williams, X his mark

[p 19: Joel H. Haden & Robert Hancock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran died July 27, 1843, survived by a widow whose name is not given in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.16 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the North Carolina militia for 7 months.]