

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmund Read S18564

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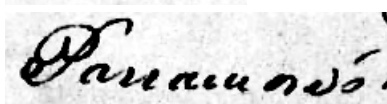
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At a Court held for Accomack County at the Court House thereof by adjournment on Wednesday the 1st day of August 1832.

Edmund Read of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court, and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832 viz. "State of Virginia County of Accomack: SS: On this 1st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting, Edmund Read a resident of Saint George's Parish aged about seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to enable him to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he served in the militia of Accomack County Virginia, from the time he was sixteen years of age, till he was free from duty by reason of his age. That during the War of the Revolution he served in Captain Augustine Lecater[?]¹ Company and afterwards Americus Scarburgh's [Americus Scarborough] Company of militia – that during nearly all the War the militia was frequently called out to keep guard & were in service a considerable portion of the time – the Companies were divided & portions of the various Companies perform duty frequently & alternately in keeping guard & attending alarms, and were in actual service a great portion of the time for several years – That Colonel Sampson had command of the militia of Accomack during part of the tour Colonel Corbin next & Colonel Cropper afterwards – that this deponent was engaged principally on the seacoast & on Chesapeake Bay coast in keeping guard & preventing the enemy from landing for the purpose of obtaining supplies plundering the country & committing depredations of every kind – that the County of Accomack was very much exposed & frequent alarms were given & the militia was often compelled to turn out to defend the County – This deponent performed service principally at Pungoteague & Andua [?]² – that he did not march out of the County and was in only two engagements, one at Pungoteague & one at Parramore's [?]³ landing, in skirmishes in which the British attempted to carry away some vessels & succeeded in carrying away Brig belonging to

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Caleb Teackle – and he has no hesitation in saying that he was in actual service & under arms more than 2 years during the War – this Deponent was born in Accomack County he has no record of his age himself, although his birth he always understood was recorded in the Parish Register, which cannot now be found – he was living in said County during the whole of the Revolutionary War & still resides in said County – that there were no written discharges given at the expiration of the respective tours – This deponent was well acquainted with Colonel John Cropper Colonel Levin Joynes , Major John Poulson, Captain Smith Snead & various other officers in the Continental line who lived in this County & joined the Continental Army & is also well acquainted with Captain Samuel Waples now living in said County & who was a Lieutenant in the Continental Army. This deponent was once taken prisoner by the British on Parramore's beach but was detained only a short time. Sometime after the war ended this deponent had command of a company of Militia in this County & Hill command for many years. This deponent cannot state the particular periods of his performing service accurately as to dates – he was called upon every few days to perform service as aforesaid & served a longer or shorter period as circumstances required. This deponent is known to Colonel John Finney, Colonel L. Joynes & all the citizens of Saint George's Parrish – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

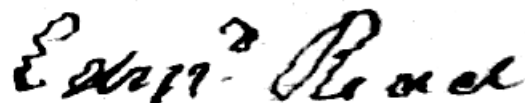
S/ Edmund Read"

[Matthew Floyd, a clergyman, and John Bull gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The deposition of Edmund Read an applicant for a pension who being duly sworn says in answer to the 4th & 5th objection – that he was in service in the militia from the beginning to the end of the War – that he was 16 years of age before the War commenced & was enrolled at that age – that after the 9th Virginia Regiment was marched away in 1776 this County was undefended excepting by the militia = that the County lies between the Atlantic ocean & the Chesapeake Bay & was much exposed to the enemy who The citizens in almost constant dread and alarm = that the enemy's vessels & barges used to come up the creeks to plunder & obtain supplies = that guard was kept by the militia during nearly or quite all the War = that he kept guard regularly & periodically as called upon by his commanding officers & agreeably to a classification made by them for 8 or 10 days each tour once in 3 or 4 weeks during each & every year whilst the War continued and was in service under arms more than 2 years in the time of the War.

In answer to the 17th objection (4th interrogatory) he says he was regularly enrolled in the Militia agreeably to law – that the companies were divided & classed by the Officers for the purpose of keeping guard = that he performed his own tours regularly – that he volunteered only at alarms which were frequent as the enemy was often harassing the people – but that he was never a substitute –

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'E'.

The deposition of Hillary Mears⁴ aged about 75 who says that he served in Captain Polk's company of militia during the time of the Revolutionary War = that he has lived in the same

⁴ FPA S18508

neighborhood with Edmund Read ever since he was a boy excepting a small part of the time said Read lived on the Bayside of Accomack = that he recollects distinctly that he kept guard & attended alarms several times with said Read & knows that said Read performed duty like other soldiers & that he has no doubt he served more than two years in the time of the War.

S/ Hillary Mears, X his mark

[f p. 10: Finding dated October 28, 1850 by the Accomack County court that the veteran died December 23, 1836 leaving 2 children named Maria Scarburgh and Mary H Higgins.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private in the Virginia service.]