

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ealy [Ely] S2191

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State of Tennessee, Fayette County

On this the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting John Ealy a Citizen of Fayette County State aforesaid aged about Seventy five years who being 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 the 7th 1832. Applicant states that sometime in the latter part of the year 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Captain John Stirk at which time he resided in the State of Georgia St. John's parish from whence he marched to Savannah and was attached to Colonel Elbert's [Samuel Elbert's] Regiment and in the few days or weeks after he arrived in the Savannah he was engaged in a battle with the British which commenced in the morning and terminated in the evening – the British sustained a serious loss particularly in their shipping in attempting to land. General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] commanded the American Army – shortly after which applicant with most of the volunteers were discharged and returned home after having served one month. Applicant remained at home until the year 1778 when he again entered the service of his Country as a volunteer under the Command of Captain John Kebler [?, Kibler, Keller?] and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Jenkin David during which Campaign applicant was engaged in a battle with the British at Savannah which was fought some time in the latter part of December 1778 [the British took possession of Savannah on December 29, 1778] in which the American Army were defeated they being over powered by a superior number were compelled to retreat and surrender the Town after sustaining a heavy loss. From thence applicant marched under the command of William Allsbrook a Lieutenant who commanded in lieu of Captain Kubler who was unable to command from indisposition – to Ebenezer a small Town about 25 miles from Savannah where he remained in the service about one week and most volunteers were again permitted to return home after having served five months. Applicant further states that some time in the year 1781 – he again entered the Service of the United States a deputy commissary for General Wain's [sic, Anthony Wayne's] Army and was stationed at Ebenezer about five months from thence he marched to within about 6 miles of Savannah and was stationed there for a short time and whilst there had an engagement with a party of Indians that were going on to join the British Army at Savannah the engagement terminated with great slaughter of the Indians and much to the advantage of the Americans as they took about 300 pack horses that were intended for the British Army in a few days after which the American Army marched to Savannah under the command of General Wayne it having been abandoned by the British at which place applicant received his discharge after having served nine [?] months applicant states that he was at other times frequently called into service and thinks that he served his Country in all about two years and six months applicant states that his discharge has been lost or destroyed.

That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services having many years since removed to the Western Country and left behind him all his acquaintances with whom he has had no

communication many years passed he knows of no documentary Evidence that he can procure to prove his Services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 9th day of July 1833.

S/ Thos. C. Hudson, Clk

S/ John Ealy



Where and in what year were you borned [sic]

I was borned [sic] in the year A.D. 1757 in the State of Georgia St. John's parish to the best of my recollection

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

My age was recorded in my father's family Bible but where it is I know not

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since and where do you now live

I was living in the State of Georgia when first called into service from thence I removed into the State of South Carolina Newberry County after the revolutionary war where I resided about 12 years I removed from Newberry County and settled on the West side of Broad River in said State where I resided about two years from thence I removed into the state of Tennessee Maury County where I have resided some considerable time I now reside in Fayette County Tennessee

How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you substituted

I have substantially answered the last question in my declaration to which I refer for answer State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you were called into service

I refer to my declaration which shows the officer that commanded --

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[Milton Moore, Andrew Pickens and Halsey Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit for "John Ely".]

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The Amended Declaration of John Ealy to his original Declaration filed in the County Court of Fayette County State of Tennessee on the 6th of July 1833.

The Declarant states that in addition to the Service as stated in the original Declaration, that in 1776 after he performed the first service in Captain John Stirk's Company as mentioned in his original declaration he entered the Service in the Company of the said Captain John Stirk and was marched to the Town of Ebenezer and there remained as a Guard of the Magazine for the Term of three months after the expiration of said time we were marched home and discharged.

The Declarant states that 10th of May 1778 he again entered the Service in the company of Captain Howell & Colonel Davis Regiment we were marched to the Altamaha [River] and from thence we marched to St. Dillis [?] River there we remained some time waiting for General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] with fifteen hundred men but before he arrived we marched to St. Marries [sic, Mary's River] and there we remained until the arrival of General Williamson and his forces and the night after Williamson arrival the British evacuated he Camp on the opposite side of the River and we crossed the River and pursued them to a place called the Alligator Bridge and there we had a skirmish with the British and Lieutenant Shoemake of the American Army was killed. We then marched back to the St. Dillis River and there we all went down the River in a boat to the mouth of the River and there five of my company myself & four others volunteered to go on board of a privateer under Captain Harrison and the balance of the Company & Regiment returned home I was 13 days on board of a

privateer during which time we captured two of the British Vessels and brought them in to port at Sunbury where they were sold. I served during this Tour in the Army and on board of the ship until the last of August making a few days over three months. I informed Col. Davis who drew my original Declaration of these Services and he stated that it was unnecessary to State all the Services but to make a general Statement would be Sufficient.

S/ John Ealy

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for services as a private for 6 months in the Georgia militia.]