

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Evans (Zechariah Evans) S30402

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The State of Mississippi Holmes County

On this the 24th day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Probates for the County aforesaid before me William L. Trimble Judge of said Court, Zachariah Evans a resident of Holmes County in the State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years who being first 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 (To Wit) That he volunteered in the Militia Troops of North Carolina in the fall of the year of 1779 with Captain Spillman Coleman [Spillsby Coleman] in the Regiment of Colonel Farmer. That Dudley Gatewood succeeded to Spillman Coleman in the command of the Company. That he does not recollect his subsequent captains. That Colonel Mayburn [Robert Mebane] succeeded Colonel Farmer in the Command of the Regiment in which he was under whom he served, until the death of Colonel Mebane which happened only a short time previous to the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. That after the death of Colonel Mebane he had no Colonel: if he had he has forgotten it. That at the time he entered the service he resided in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina about three miles distance from Caswell Court house. That he entered the service, as well as he can recollect about the 20th day of December 1779 and continued in the service, until the news came that Cornwallis had surrendered, at which time he was discharged and returned home. That he does not now recollect what he did with his original discharge, which he received from Colonel William Moore at the time of his quitting the service. That he believes that it was destroyed among other papers that he considered valueless, many years since. That in a short time after volunteering, the troops assembled in Caswell County and proceeded in a body to Solsbury [Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina, where they received their arms &c. That according to his best recollection and belief he was in the service one year and ten months. That he was in the following Battles to wit: The Battle at the Widow Tarns's Lane [Tarrants' or Torrence's or Tarrance's Lane, February 1, 1781]. The Battle three miles below Batey's ford [Beatties Ford] on the Catawba River on the morning of the same day of the Battle at the Widow Tarns's Lane, in which General Davidson was killed.¹ That he was in two other Battles whilst in pursuit of the Governor (Burke) of North Carolina, who was taken by the Tories at Hillsboro [September 12, 1781] in North Carolina and taken from thence to Wilmington to the British. That he was in several skirmishes too minute to mention. That he marched through the following Country; (To Wit) From Salisbury to the Catawba River, from thence to Boyd's Ferry on Dan

¹ General William Lee Davidson was killed February 1, 1781, at the battle of Cowan's Ford.

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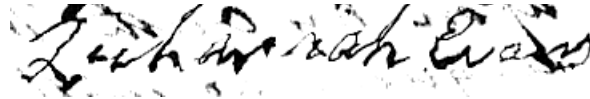
River, the line between Virginia and North Carolina, from thence across Dan River into the State of Virginia, from thence in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis to Hillsboro in North Carolina, from thence up on the waters of the Haw and Adkin [sic, Yadkin] rivers and from thence the Army marched to Guilford Court house. That at the High Rock Ford of Haw River he was discharged for a few days for the purpose of going to see his parents in the County of Caswell aforesaid And that during his absence the Battle of Guilford Court house was fought [March 15, 1781] and that at Hillsboro he joined the Army again and went on in pursuit of the party that had taken Governor Burke and pursued them near to Wilmington when the news came that Cornwallis was taken at which place he received his final discharge and returned home. That he served as a common soldier during his service except a short time when he acted as a fifer, but that he always considered himself a common soldier. That in a short time after the Battle 3 miles below Beatties Ford his troop fell in with General Green [Nathanael Greene] and Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was by them commanded until the battle at Guilford Court house, when Greene and Morgan went to South Carolina. That his service was uninterrupted except by the visit to his parents aforesaid

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 before me on the day and year aforesaid

S/ William L. Trimble, Judge of Probates

S/ Zachariah Evans



[James M. Gibson of Holmes County, Mississippi, testified that he has known Zachariah Evans ever since he, the affiant, was 12 years old and living in Caswell County North Carolina and that he knows Evans enjoyed the reputation of being a revolutionary soldier in the neighborhood in which he lived in Caswell County.]

The following answers were given

Question: Where and in what year were you born.

Ans: I was born in Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia on the 27th day of March 1764.

Question: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer: I have none, But from memory I am convinced that I am correct.

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

Ans: I lived in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, about 3 miles from Caswell Court house, since which I have lived in the states of North Carolina, Tennessee and Mississippi, and I now reside in Holmes County in the State of Mississippi.

: How were you called into service were you drafted: Did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer: I volunteered, and served as a volunteer during the whole term of service.

Question: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: Such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general Circumstances of your Services

Answer: Generals Morgan and Greene were with the troops where I served. Colonel Washington commanded a body of Cavalry a part of the time where I served; as also did General Lee,

General Davidson I believe commanded Militia at the Battle 3 miles below Beatties Ford on the Catawba River in which I was, And in which he was killed. Cornwallis commanded the British. For the general Circumstances of my service I refer to my Declaration

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

Answer: I received a discharge when the news came that Cornwallis was taken from Colonel William Moore of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina. My officers told me to go home to Colonel Moore to received my discharge & I done so and their received it which I have lost -- I know not where. Colonel Moore was that he hated Colonel of Caswell County at that time.

Question: Did you ever receive a Commission and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I never received any.

Question: State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer: James M. Gibson & John King, William Bagley & others acquainted with me and will give me a good character as a man of veracity and their belief of my being a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the 27th day of September 1833.

S/ W. L. Trimble, Judge of Probates

S/ Zachariah Evans

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$73.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia]