

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Evans S31670

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County

On this 13th day of September 1832 Personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of said State and County William Evans Senior Late of the Revolutionary Army a Resident in the State and County first aforesaid aged 80 years who being 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 the 7th of June 1832

Declaration

I William Evans Senior do most solemnly declare that I entered the service of the United States in 1776 and was enlisted into the Continental service and placed under the command of Captain John Salter and 1st Lieutenant Joseph Harrison for 18 months was marched from North Carolina where I entered service through South Carolina and into Georgia where I served most of my service I was discharged in Augusta by one Ludic Keezar [? could be Kuyar or Keeyar] of what order I cannot tell but remember his name perhaps from its singularity I then Volunteered into the Service of the United States in the Georgia Militia and was attached to Captain Dooly's Company and was placed in Colonel Carr's Regiment where I was in constant service for more than a year and was Discharged after the Siege of Augusta my discharges were burned when my House was burnt or perhaps I should have preserved them until yet I have ever remained in Georgia and now in the County of Taliaferro I was in the service of the United States from 1776 to 1779 -- a Term of near 4 years was in no Battle but the Siege of Augusta.

I first entered the service 1776 was commanded by Captain Salter in Colonel Baker's Regiment and after we got to Georgia General MacKintosh [Lachlan McIntosh] Commanded after the resignation of Captain Salter our first Lieutenant was made a Captain (viz.) Joseph Harrison and after Baker Resigned Colonel Leonard Marbary [Leonard Marbury] Commanded the Regiment after I left that command I was under Captain Dooly and Colonel Carr until the close of my service and commanded by General E. Clark [Elijah Clarke]. I have a living witness to prove my first Term of service (viz.) Captain Joseph Harrison -- I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and date first written I also sand the affidavit of Matthew Harris which was taken before a Justice of the peace.

S/ Malcom Johnston, JIC

S/ William Evans Senior, X his mark

S/ R. Q. Dickinson, JIC

¹ For some reason Fold3.com includes only the cover sheet for this veteran's pension file. Perhaps the documents were included in some other file. If anyone encounters those, please call them to my attention.

S/ William Darden, JIC
Georgia, Taliaferro County:

In person Came Joseph Harrison a Revolutionary Soldier who after being duly sworn saith that while he was in the Army of the revolution in 1776 that William Evans Senior Enlisted into the Service of the US and was attached for 18 months to the same Company of which he was 1st Lieutenant and was discharged after full Service this deponent further saith that he has ever been well acquainted with William Evans Senior since and knows it to be the same man that has subscribed the above declaration and that he knew and believed he served the United States as he has above Stated Sworn to and Subscribed this 13th day of September 1832.

S/ Malcom Johnston, JIC

S/ Joseph Harrison, X his mark

S/ R. Q. Dickinson, JIC

S/ William Darden, JIC

[Malcom Johnston & William L. Tucker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Taliaferro County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for this County, William Evans Senior who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the Consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, as a Continental Soldier under Captain Salter one year & 6 months, as a Militia Man one year and 7 months, mostly in Georgia for which the Deponent claims a pension and this deponent further States that he was called in to the above Service by proper authority and that he was not engaged in any Civil pursuit during the periods above named.

As to Interrogatory No. 1 I was born as I have ever been told in Caroline County Virginia as to Interrogatory No. 2 I have no Record of my age, but from the case that I was bound out and became free from my master 1772 [?] from which time I have kept my own age.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this Tenth [?] day of May 1833

S/ John Evans, JP

S/ William Evans, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia.]