

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Emery [Emrey] S32236	f84VA
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Emery George (Emrey)	VA S32236

(p2) Indianapolis certificate 33.389

George Emrey or Emery died 03Jul1841

Was assistant Quartermaster General for two years in Va

Granted pension \$480/mo for a period of ten years in Feb1857

Certificate sent to Hon J. D. Bright, Senate

[Ed note: apparently no ample proof of service was presented until an attorney for the heirs of George Emrey pursued the case in 1857.]

(p3) Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832

The State of Ohio

Franklin County On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court before the court of common pleas in and for said County of Franklin, Ohio now sitting George Emrey a resident of Prairie Township in said County of Franklin Ohio, aged eighty one years 2 Oct. 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he was born Oct 2.1752 in Frederick County in the state of Virginia. The parish not recollected. Has no record of his age. At Leesburgh [Leesburg], Loudon County [Loudoun County] Virginia in the month of March or April 1777 joined the 2d Virginia Regiment of Continentals as Quarter Master. The Col was Andrew Russell, Genl Joseph Weden [probably a mistaken reference to Brigadier General George Weedon].

Marched from Leesburgh with Capt George Johnson's company and joined the army and 2d Va Regiment in Pennsylvania place not remembered. Was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. Was stationed at his own request as a private at Cadsford in Brandywine. During the battle Genl Weden was wounded across the bowel and declarant remembers that Genl Weden when wounded put his hands to his bowels and then to his face said: "fight on boys no smell of dung yet." Retreated about one or two o'clock and went 21 miles same day to Valley Forge. Was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and acted during the battle as private with the 2d Va Regt which was stationed near the center and front. There was an old stone house in which some British were stationed and Genl Stephens [Edward Stevens] (whom declarant knew) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ attacked it contrary to Genl Washington's orders. After this battle ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~

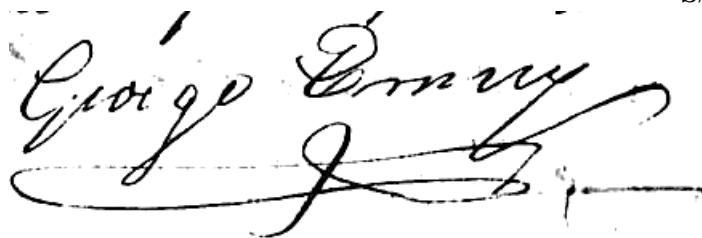
(p4) wintered at Valley Forge and next summer marched in various parts of Pennsylvania. In the Fall, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia regiments were detached to the south and declarant with 2d Regt passed through Fredericktown crossed the Potomac at Nolens Ferry [Noland's ferry] on ice and arrived at Leesburgh the citizens would not billet the Regiments in consequence of which declarant procured a warrant from a justice of the peace which warrant he forwarded to Richard Rush, Secy of the Treasury upon an application to his office upon an application to his office for a pension in the year 182\_ Marched into the Carolinas and was in different parts of North and South Carolina and Georgia but declarant knows as little about the various places through which

they marched as if he had never been there. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2d, & 3d Regiment went in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis when he was attempting to escape by shipboard- passed Yadkin and Roanoke River and when came to James River declarant was ordered by the Qr Master Genl to Leesburgh to provide for troops passing backwards and forwards where he continued until the army was disbanded (he thinks in 1783- Was acquainted with Col John Fitzgerald aid camp of Genl Washington at Valley Forge. Never received a commission but a certificate from the Quartermaster Genl of his appointment- the name of the Quarter Master Genl he does not recollect. Continued in Leesburgh a few years then removed to Berkley County in Virginia from thence in 1798 to the neighborhood of Chillicothe in the (now) state of Ohio and hath ever since resided in said state and has lived at Prairie Township in said Franklin County Ohio for the last twelve years.

The above certificate of his appointment was many years ago eaten with other papers by rats. (p4) He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state. He has no documentary evidence except above document in the Secy of State's office of US and knows of no person who can testify to his service.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Emery

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Emery". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "George" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Emery". There is a horizontal line drawn across the bottom of the signature.

[routine county supporting statements and certifications]

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
12 June 1829

George Emrey of \_\_ in the County of Franklin in the State of Ohio has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain

surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that was an officer in the Continental line, and served as such to the end of the war, at which period he was a Quarter Master in the Second regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received commutation certificates for the five years full pay granted by the resolve of 22 March, 1783; and, further, that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March 1826, nothing dollars, paid to him by the agent in the State of —

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
13<sup>th</sup> June 1829

~~It appears by the records of this office, that final settlement certificates had been issued for the commutation of five years full pay to — in the — line, amounting to — dollars.~~

~~It further appears that George Emrey is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1826 at the rate of — per month.~~

The Revolutionary records in this Office furnished no information whatever in relation to the services of Quarter Master George Emrey of the Virginia line

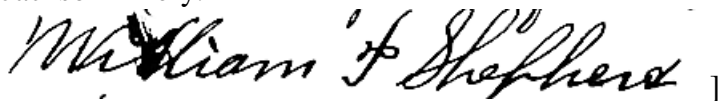
S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I George Emrey of the County of Franklin and State of Ohio do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Staff Department as Quarter Master in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and served as such to the end of the war in the second Regiment of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. And I also declare that I afterwards received no certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; although by the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1780 entitling me to half pay for life I was entitled to the above Certificate (by another resolve of this Congress) but never made application for the same. And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1826 no money. And I do further declare that I have lost my commission the same (with many other papers having been destroyed by rats). Here with is transmitted a warrant from Thomas Respass a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia directed to any Constable, commanding him to impress one or more wagons and teams for the US service & also by complaint made to me by George Emery Quarter Master &c this is the only evidence I have in my possession or can now obtain corroborative of the statements set forth in this declaration. I do hereby further declare that immediately after the battle of Germantown I was ordered to a station at Leesburg in Virginia until further orders where in my capacity as Quarter Master I was under the necessity of obtaining not only this enclosed warrant but some others (now lost) subsequent in date and evidencing my being engaged in this duty of my department at that place until the close of the war. Given under my hand this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1828

S/ George Emrey

[p 7: On November 6, 1855 in Adams County Indiana, W. P. Shepherd, filed a claim under the 1832 act stating that he is the administrator of George Emery; the affiant restates the services of the veteran largely based on the veteran's application as transcribed above; the affiant states that the veteran died without a large amount of Continental money given to him in payment for his services in the revolution; that the veteran died at the house of his son-in-law William Shepherd in Adams County Indiana July 3, 1841 leaving the following named children, Elizabeth Sowens,<sup>1</sup> Margaret Page, Olivia Shepherd, Stephen Emery, Thomas Amory, Celina Kingrey and Andrew Jackson Emery.

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Loudoun County Sct.

Whereas Mr. George Emrey  
Quarter master has informed me that he is in [indecipherable word or words]  
Want of Room for Billets for Soldiers in the  
Service of the United States then we therefore in the  
Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia do empower  
the said Emrey to provide empty rooms if sufficient if not  
Taverns & private houses in the Town of Leesburg for the  
suitable Reception of the first, Second & third Virginia  
Regiments on their march from the northward to  
Fredericksburg. Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1780  
S/ Thos. Respass [Thomas Respass]

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The State of Ohio Franklin County Sct.

Further Testimony in behalf of George Emrey in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1834 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for the Township Pleasant & County of Franklin State of Ohio Stephen Emrey Son of said applicant George Emrey who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that the particulars of the [indecipherable word or words] Captain the said Emrey taking command of the company & the acquittal of the said Captain &c as set forth in the annexed affidavit was repeatedly stated by the said George Emrey to the Deponent & others in the Deponent's hearing – Several years previous to the passage of the above Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 the Deponent further saith that said George Emrey & said Robert Martain [Robert Martin?]<sup>2</sup> are too infirm of body to appear in any Court or Justice that it was ever since the annexed application for a pension was made that it came to the knowledge of this Affiant the said George Emrey who acted as quartermaster during the revolutionary War the knowledge of it accidentally arose from the said Martain's saying that he knew one George Emrey in the revolutionary War & upon



<sup>1</sup>

Lownes

<sup>2</sup> Possibly the same man as Richard Martin W9535

The War Department interpreted this name as Elizabeth

asking him whether he will would now recollect his continuance he stated that the incident which is set forth in the said Emrey's affidavit transpired by which circumstance he would know whether it was the same person or not this Affiant had before heard before said George Repeat the same Incident the said Robert Martain is as the affiant half been informed & verily believes a pensioner of the United States.

S/ Stephen Emrey

[p 61: copies of orders dated as early as January 1777 whereby Thomas Respass was appointed a militia Captain as well as the appointment of Gunnell Saunders, as Lieutenant and John Sanders as Ensign in Loudoun County Virginia]

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This day came before me John G Neff a Justice of the peace for Paraine [?] Township in Franklin County in the State of Ohio George Emrey & made oath that sometime in the year 1777 that there was a certain Captain in the Maryland line the Colonel's name Smallwood & he the said George Emrey was requested to take command of said Captain's company the Captain that was arrested was thought to be Disaffected (or as said a Tory) & was set for trial & was tried and acquitted & returned to his command again & that he the said George Emrey returned again to his office as quarter master again in the Virginia line & Sworn to this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834 before me a justice of the peace for said County S/ George Emrey

The State of Ohio Pickaway County – SS

This day Personally appeared before me Jeremiah Brown a Justice of the peace for said County Robert Martin who Deposeth and saith that the above statement made by George Emrey is just and true the said Martin belonging to the company above stated by George Emrey the Captain's name John Gunby and further this deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of February 1834

S/ Jeremiah Brown

S/ Robert Martin, X his mark