

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of David Evins S32695

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Indiana

Parke County Ss

on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Febuary in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court before Joseph Potts, Probate Judge in and for the county of Parke the same being a Court of Record now sitting David Evins a resident of Florida Township county of Parke aforesaid aged sixty nine years eight months and eighteen days, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated "to wit" That some time in the month of October or November in the year 1780 at the Town of Lexington in the County of Rockbridge state of Virginia he volunteered as a Soldier under the command of Charles Campbell Lieutenant William Pikeson [sic: William Paxton], Ensign Samuel McCampbell, and David Grey [David Gray] acted as Major. he had no Col. for there was two other companies that volunteered at the same time. the captains name of one was James Hall, and the other was David Grey [David Gray, acting as Major]. he with his said company started from the said Town of Lexington aforesaid to go to meet the British at a place called Portsmouth in Virginia. from Lexington they went to a Town called Albemarle and from there to Richmond and there to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] and from there to either Cabins Point [Cabin Point on James River in Surry County] or Smithfield passing through both places and from there on a direct route to Portsmouth, and when within seven or eight mile of Portsmouth the news came that the British had left there and sailed around to York and there we joined an army of about sixteen thousand men under the command of General Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], and we then marched back to Petersburg. we stayed there untill we were discharged having served in said tour in all about sixty days. And he further says that in the fall of 1781 his Father moved to the state of Ky in the county of Lincoln where and when in May 1782 Col. Benjamin Logan the Col of the county offered to all men who would act as Spies against the Indians should be exempt from malitia duty. And that he and John Janes and Daniel McCormick accepted the offer and in May 1782 started from the Court House in said county and went to a place called the Nob lick [sic: Knob Lick] and went the route to what was called McKinney Fort and Carpenters Fort [2½ mi W of Hustonville on Hanging Fork Creek], the Forts were about three or four miles apart. Nob lick was about twenty mile from Carpenters and McKinney's Forts. we continued in said service as a spy untill we heard that Bryant's Station was attacked [Bryan's Station, 15-16 Aug 1782], and when we got five or six mile from Bryant's station. we met men retreating from the Blue licks, where they had been defeated by the Indians [19 Aug] after the whites had drove them from Bryant's Station. then we come back to Bryants Station untill we could gather enough men to go and bury the Dead. we went with about four hundred and seventy men and buried the Dead then we returnd home and went to spying again in different sections of the country, whenever the exigences of the times required having served in all in the said spying about Five months. and then in the month of November 1782 he went under Genl Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] who had regular soldiers under him at Louisville Ky (or it was called Virginia then) he went with Col Logan to Cincinnatti Town where they meet Gen'l Clarke. we went from there to what was called New Chilicothe Town. from there, after defeating the Indians and driving them from Towns and burnt their Towns [Piqua, Standing Stone, etc., 10 Nov 1782] we returned back home through Cincinnatti Town having served in all at least forty days. He has not Documentary evidence of his services as the written discharges he received are now all lost. and he further believes he can prove the two last tours of duty mentiond of above. And he made the following statements to the questions proposed to him by the the court to wit, That he was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1763 at Augusta County in the State of Virginia. There is a

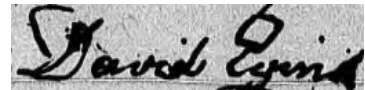
Record of his age in the county of Jessamine state of Ky kept by his sister in his Fathers old Family bible. he was living in said cty of Rockbridge state of Virginia when called into service; he has lived since the Revolutionary War in the state of Ky and in Indiana where he now resides. he cannot state the names of any other of the officers or any other circumstances of his services than he has above stated, a great many facts having been long since obliterated from his memory

he states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his Neighbourhood are John Downey & Seba H Case and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 that he knows of  
[signature obscured]

State of Indiana

Parke County SS [13 Aug 1833]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, David Evins who being duly sworn, depose and 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 to below, and in the following grades. For 1780 in the first campaign spoken of in my Declaration sixty days, in the capacity of a private. for 1782 in the second campaign spoken of in my Declaration Five months in the capacity of an Indian Spy. For 1782 the third campaign spoken of in my Declaration Forty days in the capacity of a private, making my whole service to the best of my knowledge eight months and eight days, and for such service I claim a pension



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Probate Court August Term 1833

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 before the Probate court of Parke county now in session personally appeared David Evins who being duly sworn depose and saith, that for an amendment to a Declaration made by me on 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833. that he cannot state any other facts or particulars than those stated by me in the Declaration aforesaid, nor can he give the names of any Colonel or other officers that that stated heretofore. the reason why he cannot give the name of any col. is given in his original applicant, that there was no Col. that there was three companies, and that one David Grey acted as Major for all three. and that he cannot state any other facts or circumstances than those stated in his original application, and that his memory by his age is greatly impaired and further saith not

