

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cornelius Evans S3340

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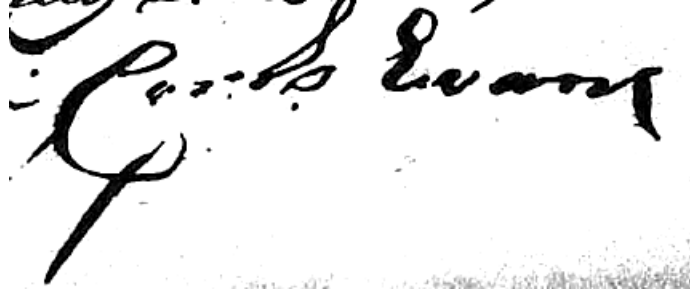
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State of Tennessee, Sumner County: SS

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court -- before Thomas Anderson, William Edwards and John L. Money Esquires the court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County Cornelius Evans a resident of the County aforesaid and state aforesaid, aged seventy-four years of age 20th September next -- agreeable to the register of his age now in his possession who being first 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 7th, 1832 -- That he entered in the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in and resided in the County of Hertford North Carolina -- and was enrolled in the militia I think either in February or March 1779 -- I was drafted into the militia service for the term of three months under Captain William Figures and James Walker was one Lieutenant and Dempsey N. Knight was the Ensign of my Company I immediately afterwards marched into the service -- we first marched to Kingston [Kinston] from thence we marched to Camden South Carolina at Camden South Carolina Captain Figures resigned his Commission and __ Rountree [Obediah Roundtree] was commissioned in his place & remained in Camden for some time from Camden we marched to Cheraw Hills and lay for some time in South Carolina and here said term of service of three months having expired I was discharged I received a written discharge from General Butler [John Butler] -- which has been lost a great many years -- I then returned to Hertford County -- about May or June 1781 I was again drafted into the service for the term of three months -- under Captain Brown [Lewis Brown] and George Yearly was a Lieutenant and Thomas Coleman was Ensign I was attached to Colonel Brickle [Matthias Brickell, Jr.] Regiment -- and Jeremiah Brown was a Major of that Regiment -- we marched from Hertford to Jinkens Bridge [Jenkins Bridge?] and stationed there for some time watching for the movement of Cornwallis' Army, not knowing what route he would take -- we then had orders to move to Nancy mow river [Nansemond River] in Virginia which was obeyed the British about or at -- this time burnt Suffolk Cornwallis was then retreating into Virginia to Little York we continued on the naneyneon [Nansemond] till the siege commenced at Little York our Regiment was under General Scott -- and having served out my term of three months -- I was discharged by my officers which was not signed by any one -- which closed his services in the revolution -- I

lived in Hertford till I was about thirty-seven [?] ¹ years of age -- then I moved to Bertie and lived there till the year 1809 and since then I have resided in Tennessee Sumner County -- He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of anyone whose testimony he can procure who can prove his service. And states that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state & relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present -- Sworn to and subscribed in open court August 21, 1832.

S/ Corls. Evans

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S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

[Thomas Keep and Hudson Thompson gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

Cornelius Evans by way of amendment to his declaration in support of his claim for a pension -- for a more particular answer to the first interrogatory of the war Department -- he states he was born upon the 20th September 1759 -- in the County of Hertford, North Carolina -- and drafted into the militia service in that County in served as a militia soldier in the revolutionary war for six months as I have detailed in my former Declaration -- In answer to the fifth interrogatory more particularly he states He was well acquainted with General Butler -- Colonel Hogun [James Hogun] & Major Mathews during my first campaign -- During my second Campaign I was attached to Colonel Brickle & Colonel Lytle's Regiment -- with whom I was well acquainted -- likewise with Colonel Wynns and General Scot -- who was our commanding General. Jeremiah Brown who was my Major I was well acquainted with -- In my first Campaign our company was not attached to any Regiment -- The object of our company was to keep down the Tories and mark the movements of the enemy and be ready for any emergency and were stationed at Camden for some time & then marched to Cheraw Hills and lay there for some time & as stated in my original Declaration -- In answer to the seventh interrogatory he states that I am known to Hudson Tompson, Thomas Keef and Archibald Duval a minister of the Gospel in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution --

Sworn to in open Court 27th of March 1833

S/ J. W. Baldrige, Clerk

S/ Corls Evans

[Archibald Duval, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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

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