

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Evans S34821

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State of Maryland City of Baltimore

Be it remembered that on the second day of October in the year of our Lord 1818, Thomas Evans of Baltimore County aged sixty-four years an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" personally appeared before me the undersigned and made the following declaration on oath by me administered "that some time in or about the year 1777 (as well as he remembers) he enlisted into the Army of the United States as a common soldier under the command of Captain Beatty at Hagers Town [Hagerstown] in Maryland -- and was marched to Annapolis to join the first Regiment from thence was marched to the Southward to join the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] and was in the Battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] in the first of which he got wounded in the arm -- and further declares that he served in said Army against the Common Enemy for 3 years & 5 months in continuance that he has never received any pension for his services, and from his reduced Circumstances in life requires & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Thomas Evans, X his mark

Baltimore City

I hereby certify that it appears to my satisfaction from the foregoing declaration upon oath and annexed affidavit of Colonel John E. Howard that Thomas Evans above named served in the revolutionary war on the Continental Establishment as a private soldier for more than 9 months in continuance and that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for support. 23rd of October 1818

S/ N. Brice, Chief Judge

Schedule

United States of America

State of Maryland Baltimore County

On this 23rd day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, that is to say the regular County Court in and for the said County of Baltimore in the Sixth Judicial District in said State Thomas Evans aged sixty-six years, resident in Baltimore County in said State who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he was enlisted at Hagerstown Maryland by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Sprigg, joined Captain William Beatty's company the first Regiment

commanded by Colonel J. E. Howard [John Eager Howard] at Annapolis about the month of August 1780, marched to the Southward and continued in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment until the close of the war, when he was discharged from Captain John Lynd's [sic, John Lynn's] Company at Frederick town Maryland in the Fall of the year 1783

That he made his original declaration at Baltimore on or about the 2nd day of October 1818 before the Honorable N. Brice Chief Judge of the Baltimore City Court & was placed on the Rev. Pen: List of the Maryland Agency at the rate of \$8 [indecipherable word or symbol]: as the Certificate No. 7365

and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule viz.:

That he has no property of any kind whatever except his wearing apparel & bedding.

That he hath no family except his wife named Elenor, aged 57 years or thereabout.

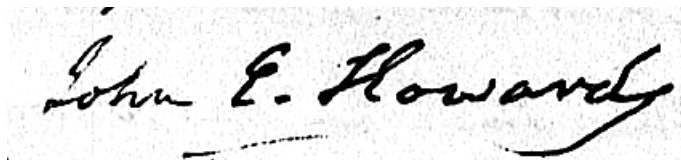
That he had formerly supported himself and his wife by a common laboring work through the Country, having no settled residence, but being now greatly debilitated from advanced age and having received many severe wounds during the War (for which he never claimed pension) he is now unable to support himself, -- that being in extreme indigent circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and were it not for a pension he receives from Government he would not possibly support himself, except by private or public charity.

S/ Thomas Evans, X his mark

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The deposition of John E. Howard, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Maryland line of the Army in the Revolution who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he has some recollection of Thomas Evans who is now applying for a pension under the late Act of Congress and he believes that the said Evans was a private soldier but from the lapse of time he does not recollect how long the said Evans served. By referring to the Muster Rolls he finds that the said Evans enlisted in the 3rd Regiment on the 1st of Jan^y 1777 and that his name appears on the Muster Roll the 1st of Nov^r 1780 -- That the name of said Evans not appearing afterwards on the Muster Rolls in the Auditors office he believes can be readily accounted for as the Maryland troops to the Southward were almost always moving so that Muster Rolls could not conveniently be made. He further deposes and saith that he believes that the said Evans served to the end of the war but for the reasons above stated he cannot give further evidence of that fact.

S/ John E. Howard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Howard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Howard".

When before me
S/ N. Brice, CJ

BCCt.
23rd Oct. 1818

Maryland Sct.

Auditors Office Annapolis 20 October 1818

I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that Thomas Evans a Private in the 3rd Regiment Enlisted on 1st Jany 1777 and was present on the 1st Novr 1780.

S/ R. Loocherman, Aud. Genl.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 2, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Maryland Continental line.]