

On this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord 1820 Personally appeared in open court (it being the County court of pleas and quarter sessions and a court of record held for the county of Claiborne aforesaid) **Joseph Evans**, aged sixty one years, resident in the aforesaid county of Claiborne in the state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit in the Seventh Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. McClanahan [Alexander McClanahan], in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Crockett as set forth in an original declaration dated on the 28 day of May 1818, in consequence of which he has gained a pension certificate of Number 7045, 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 sail [sic] or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions 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 properties or security contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed which is as follows, to wit _____

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| [p 9] thirty acres of land but inferior quality and but moderate improved worth – say - | \$200.00 |
| One mare & two colts worth say | \$100.00 |
| Five head of cattle worth | \$ 20.00 |
| Twelve head of sheep worth | \$18.00 |
| Three small sows & twelve pigs worth | \$7.00 |
| 5 plates 1 dish & 5 knives & forks | \$2.50 |
| Iron oven & frying pan | \$1.50 |
| Debts owing to me at this time | <u>\$2.75</u> |
| Total amount | \$351.75 |
| Amount of debt which I owe at this time | <u>\$156.00</u> |
| Total amount after deducting what I owe | \$195.75 |

That he is a farmer by occupation and that he has not been able to do one days work in ten years last past by reason of being afflicted with the Thphizic [?] and that his family is in number three besides himself, a weak and sickly wife fifty eight years of age, a son about 18 years of age and healthy, one daughter about 16 years of age who is of a weak and sickly habbet [sic]

Sworn to and declared in open court on 14th day of November in the year of our Lord 1820
Joseph Evans, x his mark

B. Cloud Clerk

I Benjamin Cloud Clerk of the county court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Claiborne in the state of Tennessee do hereby certify the foregoing oath and the schedule thereunto annexed are duly copied from the record of the said court and I do further certify that it is

[p 10] the opinion of the said court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the annexed schedule is one hundred and ninety five dollars and seventy five cents ---- ----

In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal having no seal of office this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord 1820.

B. Cloud Clerk

[p11] 10 Oct 1830 Transfer from Tennessee to Montgomery County Illinois to live with children.

[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 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 47]

State of Kentucky SS

On this 25th day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said State, personally appeared Joseph Evans aged 58 years, resident in Claiborne County in the State of Tennessee, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by 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" – That he the said Joseph Evans in the year 1776 enlisted in Fincastle County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Crockett of the 7th Virginia Regiment of the Continental [establishment] for the term of two years and that about the expiration of his said term he reenlisted for three years in said company and Regiment that he continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the terms for which he enlisted, when he was discharged from service in Shamakin [Shamokin] in the State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the battles of Monmouth, Saratoga and others; that he has now no other evidence of his said service in his power than that he here of offers; that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has never received a pension from the United States.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid
S/ Benjamin Johnson, Circuit Judge

[p 53]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: Bledsoe circuit Court, March Term 1825

On this 31st day of March 1825 personally appeared in open Court Joseph Evans a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about 66 years who having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first May 1820. That he enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War for and during the space of 2 years under Joseph Crockett and Colonel McClanahan [McClanahan] of __ Regiment of Virginia the date and year he does not now recollect but will appear from the history.

He was transferred to several officers and marched from Montgomery County to Williamsburg where he fought against Dunmore from thence to Bon Brook New Jersey, there had a Battle he then increased his term of service to 5 years by a New enlistment under Colonel Morgan and Captain James Parr he was in the Battle of Monmouth and the taking of Burgoyne. He was then transferred to Colonel Butler's and marched to Schoharrie [?] in the State of New York and was in several other small engagements. He was then at [several indecipherable words] on the

Delaware. He sometime after gave his discharge and other papers to Colonel Crockett to obtain back pay and Colonel Crockett place them in the Secretary's Office and when the State house was burnt his discharge with all his other papers was burnt. He was put on the pension roll Tennessee agency and drew for several times which his pension Warrant will show but under the late regulations he was stricken off. He would have applied sooner but had no opportunity nor did he wish to call on his country until dire necessity compelled him and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. I have no real estate by occupation a farmer my family consist of a wife and daughter my wife is 66 years old and my daughter 20 and in consequence of my age and [paper damaged and indecipherable word or words] and other diseases I am entirely unable to work or support my family my wife is also diseased

| Schedule | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|
| One mare 13 years old | \$30 | |
| two cows at 5 each | 10 | |
| One lot of Furniture | 5 | \$45.00 |

S/ Joseph Evans X his mark

I do know Mr. Evans and believe the above Schedule is true

S/ Dennis Evans, X his mark

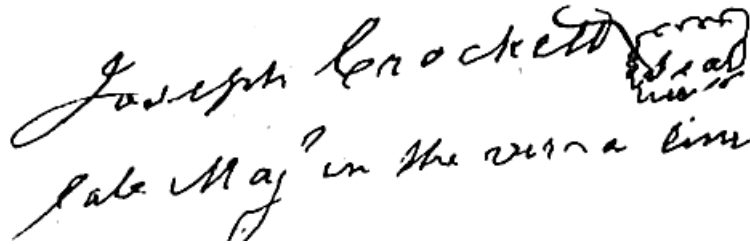
[p 52]

State of Kentucky Jessamine County September the 25th 1818

I do certify that Joseph Evans, a late soldier in my company of the 7th Regiment of Virginia troops on the Continental establishment who had served five years faithfully; to as a private soldier and three as a Sergeant, said Evans was in Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment of light infantry the British troops, under General Burgoyne surrendered themselves prisoners, at Still Water, when Colonel Morgan returned to join General Washington at headquarters, said Evans was attached to Colonel Butler's Regiment, who was left to defend the frontier of the State of New York and after doing duty for some time, he was marched to the genepees [?]¹ Country and on their return he the said Evans received his discharge from Colonel Butler at Shimokin [sic, Shamokin] afterwards the said Evans put his discharge into my hands in 1790 to settle it with the Auditor in the City of Richmond. The Auditors having closed all accounts of that nature could not settle the discharge without directions from the General Assembly & then put Evans' discharge into the hands of the late General Wood [James Wood] whose office was burned soon after he received the discharge. Therefore I believe said Evans has not received the pay justly due him. As witness my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

J. Genefee

S/ Joseph Crockett²
late Major in the Virginia line



Joseph Crockett
late Major in the Virginia line

[p 21]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County August 15th 1826

I Joseph Evans do upon oath declare that the wolves or dogs did kill all my sheep mentioned in my final schedule and that I have not been benefited anything from them – that the Hogs mentioned in my first Schedule have been eat by my wife & me & family – since I was stricken from the pension roll, that one cow & the increase of my cattle, I have sold for one & some we have eat, & that all the property by me disposed of since my former declaration or since I have been stricken off the pension roll has been disposed of for to procure sustenance for me & my family –

S/ Joseph Evans, X his mark

[p 22]

State of Tennessee Bledsoe County: I Joseph Evans do upon my oath declare that William Rogers of Claiborne County the mortgagee of my land has no interest of any kind whatever in my Pension or obtaining my pension for me. Further that the statement as respects the origin of the mortgage on my land made by Rogers is true. And that I am in great need of the assistance of my Country. – August 15th 1826

S/ Joseph Evans, X his mark

[p 11: On October 26, 1830, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits to the Illinois agency indicating that he had moved from East Tennessee to the state of Illinois because his children have all moved to the state of Illinois and he wishes to live with them. The petition was supported by an affidavit of John Evans whose relation to the veteran is not stated.



John Evans

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 25, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. He was subsequently stricken from the pension list on account of his owning more property than was allowed under the 1820 act. Subsequent to that he filed the papers necessary to have his name reinstated on the pension list at the original rate.]

² [Joseph Crockett S46377](#)

[Note: This file also contains a number of other documents relating to the property owned and disposed of by the veteran. These documents may be of interest to his descendents.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Aud. Office 4 Nov. 90 [Auditor's Office November 4, 1790]

It appears by the books in this office that the within named Joseph Evans has not received a Certificate for his pay and depreciation.

S/ J. Carter

[Note: This file also is indexed as containing a certificate from Capt. Joseph Crockett and a Discharge from Lt. Col. William Butler, but the images of those documents are so poor as to defy transcription.]