

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Evans S39501

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Amherst County to wit: On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1828, personally appeared in open Court, it being a court of record for the county aforesaid, James Evans resident in said County, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said James Evans enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the day of in the year 1779 or 1780 in the state of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Stripling [probably Stribling] in the regiment commanded by Samuel Hawes in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment, that He continued to serve in the said corps until the close of the war when he was honorably discharged from the service in Sallisbury [sic: Salisbury] in North Carolina, That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension because having placed his certificate of discharge in the hands of a friend for the purpose of making application for a pension and that certificate having been lost he knew not how to supply such loss; for he had been told that he could not by any possibility obtain a pension without producing his certificate of discharge or proving its actual existence at one time by three witnesses; not being able to prove such certificate by three witnesses as he had been informed was necessary he made no application for a pension, believing that any application without such proof would be unavailing; and it was not untill lately that he was informed that he had been heretofore erroneously advised, and that such loss might be supplied by Testimony. He would long ago have applied for a pension, had he been able to have procured satisfactory evidence of revolutionary services because he has stood in need, and now stands in need of the liberality of his Country to enable him to spend the remnant of his day's in comfort, and procure those necessaries which his advanced age and infirmities require. And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 or any property whatever except my wearing apparel. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property, for I possessed none at that time, nor have I possessed any since, except my wearing apparel. The said James Evans also declares that he is a day laborer, that he has no family residing with him, his wife being dead, and his two daughters (his only children) having married and removed to another State from whom he derives no assistance in his old age they being poor, that in consequence of his age and infirmity he is unable to support himself comfortably by his labor, and that he is in a great measure dependant for a support upon the humanity & kindness of his friends.

James X [his

mark] Evans

Amherst County State of Virginia, Sept 24 1827

at the request of James Evans, who wishes to obtain a pension as a soldier in the Revolution War, & as to my knowledge of his being in Army, some time in March 1781 a few days after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in Carolina [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], on the Retreat of the enemy I was then a Capt'n in the army, and was orderd in front with my Company of Riflemen to attack the Enemy at

deep River, as I marched through our Army which had opened for me to pass I had to stop at our Ammunition Wagons to get some powder and a few flints that my Company was lacking at that time, the said James Evans came to me & shook hands being well acquainted as both lived in the same County when at home, he was Equipt as a soldier, but I have no knowleg of the company or Regiment he belonged, as only halted a few minutes.

James Dillard [pension application W7019]  
formerly a Capt in the 10 Virginia Regiment  
army of United States

NOTE: Samuel Arrington of Amherst County (pension application S8033) stated that a James Allen served with him in the company of Capt. Jesse Allen as a guard at Albemarle Barracks in early 1779.