

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Perry Evans S39503 ¹

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South Carolina

The Declaration of Perry Evans made and taken in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Congress in such case made and provided.

The declarer saith sometime in the latter part of the year 1776 He enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States with a recruiting Officer by the name of William Wheeler attached to a Company of whom Eli Dawsey [Ely Dorsey] then a prisoner of war on parole was the nominal Captain and that in the spring following he joined the Maryland line at Annapolis under the command of Lieut. Benjamin Price who succeeded Capt. Dawsey of the third Company of the Second Regiment, Col. Thomas Price & Second Brigade General Smallwood [William Smallwood] or General Debow but which the Declarer does not recollect as he served under them both during the War and that he continued in the service until the 20th of June 1783 when he was Honorably discharged at Baltimore but that his discharge has been lost & that he was then under the Command of Capt. William Bruce of the same Regiment and line. – The declarer further saith that under the walls of the enemy at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22- June 19, 1781] in the forlorn hope he received a severe gunshot wound through the calf of his right leg which has & still continues to disable him, that he is now in his fifty ninth year of his age, and that by means of his age and decrepitude and his poverty he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

The Declarer further saith that he is now a resident in the District of Union in the State aforesaid and has resided in the United States ever since his discharge from the Army and that all those who were witnesses of his Services during the Revolution are dead or so far removed from him as to be out of his reach and that he has never received any annuity or other compensation than his pay for those services.

S/ Perry Evans

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perry Evans". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

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The State of South Carolina Union District: In the Common Pleas

The Declaration of Perry Evans a Revolutionary Soldier in order to be continued on the pension List under the act of May A.D. 1820.

On the twelfth day of March A.D. 1825 Personally appeared Perry Evans in Open Court a resident of the said District and State aforesaid aged nearly Sixty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said Perry Evans enlisted for the term of three years in the Second Maryland Regiment sometime in the year A.D. 1777 in the State of Maryland in the then Company commanded by Capt. Eli Dorsey who being a Prisoner of War, and never commanded after I enlisted which Company was afterwards commanded by their Lieut. Benjamin Price the Regiment was commanded by Col. Thomas Price of the line of the State of Maryland and of the Continental establishment – that he continued to serve in the said Regiment until the term of his enlistment expired, that he afterwards enlisted in the same Company and Regiment during the war and from that time forward he served in the Capacity of an Orderly Sergeant till he was discharged at the conclusion of the War at Baltimore, that he was wounded in the right leg in the forlorn hope of the Siege of Ninety Six for the particulars of which he request the war department to examine his papers and certificates now in its possession which were transmitted to place him on the pension List in the year 1818, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name has been placed on the pension List, that the number marked on his pension Certificate is No. 13158, that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because he did not know that it was necessary And from the great variety of acts on the Subject he did not know the mode of doing so

(Signed) Perry Evans

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.

South Carolina Union District: Personally came before me the Subscribing Justice William Selby, Phillip Selby & John G Caldwell and made oath according to Law that they would make a Just and true Valuation of the real and personal property of Perry Evans. Sworn to & subscribed this 8th of March 1825 before me.

S/ Thomas Stribling, QU

(Signed)

William Selby
Phillip Selby
John G Caldwell

Schedule

86 Acres of land worth	\$150
One horse	45
One old horse	25
Two Small Cows & Calves	14

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Two Small yearlings	27
Three Sows eleven Piggs & Twelve Shoats	30
One old Waggon	10
Plantation Tools & Plain gear [??]	**
	\$304

We the qualified appraisers appointed to appraise the real and personal property of Perry Evans do Certify the above to be a just and true Valuation of the same.

Given under our hands this 8th March 1825.

(Signed) William Selby
Phillip Selby
John G Caldwell

And I do further State that I have no other Occupation than that of a farmer that from my age and wounds I am not able to follow it to an advantage. My family consist of my wife Deborah Evans aged about fifty-eight years of a week infirm Constitution, two Daughters named Nancy Evans & Drusilla Evans the first aged about thirty-six years quite unhealthy & sickly at times, Drusilla aged about twenty-two, two sons named Jesse & Washington the first aged Eighteen years the last fourteen years that I am considerably indebted for the above amount of Property probably to the amount of a Hundred Dollars or more the exact amount I am unable at present to say

Sworn on the 14th day of March 1825 (Signed) Perry Evans

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Auditor's Office, Annapolis, July 14th 1819

I hereby can certify that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Peregrine Evans enlisted as a private in the Second Maryland Regiment, on the 10th day of January 1777 and was ~~discharged~~ [listed] on the 1st of November 1780 [as being] present. He was made Cpl. on the 1st May 1778 – promoted to Sgt. on the 10th of January 1780.

S/ Thos. Karney, Aud. S. M.

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State of South Carolina Union District

I Perry Evans aged sixty-eight years do upon oath testify and declare, that I entered the service of the United States in 1777 under Col. Thomas Price of the Maryland line for Three years (though enlisted in the latter end of 1776) after serving that time of three years I enlisted for during the War under the said Col. Thomas Price in the same Maryland line, and served to the end of the War and was discharged by Major Thomas Lansdale in 1783. I further declare that I neither received assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever except one hundred acres Land that I received a Warrant for. Therefore I request the secretary of War to have the Warrant sent to me at Goshen Hill South Carolina Union District and this shall be his receipt for the same.

S/ Perry Evans

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State of South Carolina Union District: I Perry Evans do hereby certify that I enlisted in the

Maryland line in the latter part of the year 1776 in the second Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Price for three years at the expiration of three years I again enlisted for during the war; I served in the line, until the siege of Ninety Six, and there I was wounded through my right leg in the forlorn hope under the wall of the Star Fort, I was then commanded by Brig. Major Duvaul, I was sent on to the hospital at Charlottesville [sic, Charlotte] Mecklenburg, North Carolina under the care of doctors Reid, Alexander Barrett and Cain after being cured of my wounds, I obtained a furlough to return home, being not fit for duty at that time; at the expiration of my furlough I joined part of the same line of Maryland in the city of Annapolis commanded by Major Lansdowne under whose command I was discharged in Baltimore A.D. 1783.

I performed the duty of a Sgt. from 79 until 83

The above sworn & subscribed this the 16th of June 1828 before me

S/ Thomas Stribling, QU

S/ Perry Evans

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State of South Carolina Union District: For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the Relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15 day of May 1828, I Perry Evans of said State and District do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a Sgt. in Capt. Bruce's company in the 2nd Maryland Regiment of Maryland line. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

And I further declare that I was not on the 16th day of March 1828 on the Pension list of the United States.

September 30th AD 1828

S/ Perry Evans

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

8 November 1828

Perry Evans of Union District ~~in the County of~~ in the State of South Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in Captain Bruce's Company, in the Second regiment of the Maryland line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

13th of November 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to Perry Evans in the Maryland line

It further appears that Perry Evans is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 3, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Maryland Continental line.]