

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Quigley S40307

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State of Pennsylvania }

Centre County Ss }

Before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Centre aforesaid, also Register for the probate of wills and granting Letters of administration, and one of the Judges of the Registers Court in and for the County of Centre aforesaid, personally appears Edward Quigley aged Sixty six years resident in Walker Township in said County 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 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 Edward Quigley enlisted in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania on the 25th day of December AD 1775 in the Company commanded by Capt. Joseph Hubley of the 3^d Regiment of Infantry, that he continued to serve in the said Corps & in the service of the United States until the 12th day of November AD 1776 when he was taken prisoner by the British at Fort Washington, and continued prisoner until about the beginning of May following, when he was paroled [see endnote] and he again immediately joined the American Army in the Company commanded by Capt. Batein, & continued in said Corps or in the service of the United for about fourteen months when he was drafted into the 4th Regiment in the company Command by Capt Graydon, (as he thinks) that he continued in this Company until after the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], that shortly after this he among others was sent under the command of Capt McNeill to join the troops under Gen'l [Henry] Knox in South Carolina [sic: see endnote], that he continued to serve in the service of the United States, in the Companies to which he was at different times drafted to for and during the full end and Term, of the war, when he was discharged at Philadelphia, from the company commanded by Capt Simong of the 4th Reg't of Artillery commanded by Col. [Andrew] Porter, that he was in the battles of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] where he was wounded by a bayonet in the right shoulder, and also wounded by a cut in the head within about a mile of Shades ford on the Schuylkill [see endnote], that at the Battle of Brandywine he was shot through the cheeks, cutting his tounge and knocking out some of his teeth, that he was also at the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Kings mountain [sic: in South Carolina, 7 Oct 1780], Cowpens [sic: in South Carolina, 17 Jan 1781], at Sutton's Creek [see endnote] and in several other engagements too numerous to recite, but finally he was at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis and his army at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781], and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said service. That he left his discharge & furlough in the house of a Samuel Jackson in Mifflin Town about twenty three years ago who is now dead & he cannot find

Sworn to and declared before me

Edward hisOmark Quigley

the 11th day of May AD 1818/ Wm Petrikin

Bellefonte May 12th 1818

Dear Sir [Secretary of War]

Inclosed I transmit to you the application of another poor old revolutionary veteran, and certainly a more proper object of his country's bounty cannot easily be found. I did not think it necessary to take the depositions of any other person or persons with respect to his situation and circumstances, or character, there being none in these parts who know him better than myself. I have known him well for better than twenty three years; but were it necessary there are hundreds here who would have attested the truth of all that I have certified. While he was able to work he laboured faithfully and industriously, but, like many other of his military companions, who by their sufferings & blood procured for us every precious earthly blessing which we now enjoy, he was thoughtless and imprudent, and either wasted the fruit of his honest industry foolishly or suffered himself to be cheated out of it by sharpness. He got bounty land from the

State of Pennsylvania and to my knowledge was completely swindled out of it by the very persons who undertook to procure it for him. For some years past he has had a pension of forty dollars yearly from the state, which you a good way to keep him in clothing, but for his support otherwise he is chiefly indebted to the compassion of generous & humane whigs who cannot think of seeing one of the most active props of our independence suffering for want of the necessaries of life. He could still work a little until last winter, when by a fall on the ice he sprained his ancle and is now a criple. His revolutionary wounds also pain him occassionally; which, together with infirmities incident to old age, must soon put a period to his earthly existence. He has no relation alive that he knows of, except one son; who has not done well, and eloped some years ago from this place.

It would not be proper to trust himself with the disposition of money when paid by the United States; nor does he desire it. He wishes to have it put into the hand of some trusty friend who will take the trouble to be his Trustee. He is no conimart[?] and unfortunately is fond of spirituous liquors. This is a failing he has also in common with too many of his former companions. If you will therefore be so kind as to inform me what the fate of his application may be, we will have a Trustee appointed for him – one who shall be acceptable to himself, provided the pension is granted.

I am with sentiment of respect and esteem your hu'bl serv't/ Wm Petrikin

Pennsylvania
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On this twenty fourth day of August 1818, before me the subscriber, President Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas of the fourth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, consisting of the Counties of Mifflin, Centre, Huntingdon & Bedford, personally appears Edward Quigley aged about sixty nine years, resident in Bald Eagle Township in Centre County who being first, by me 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 Edward Quigley enlisted in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Hubley of the third Pennsylvania Regiment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps one year – during which he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington. After being exchanged, he enlisted in Philadelphia in the company commanded by Capt'n Edwards of the 4th Penn'a. Rejiment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, by Col'l Andrew Porter – that he was, besides being taken at Fort Washington, in the battles of Brandiwine, Germantown, at Sutters Creek four Miles from Camden [see endnote] & several skirmishes & finally at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at York Town – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services

Sworn to and declared before
me, the Day & year aforesaid/ C Huston

Edward hisOmark Quigley

NOTES:

A parole was a promise not to take up arms again on pain of death until exchanged for another prisoner. It would have been unusual for Quigley to have returned to service while on parole, and even more rare for him to have been drafted.

I could find no Shade's Ford on Schuylkill River. Quigley may have meant Chadd's Ford on Brandywine Creek, but the only known engagement there was part of the Battle of Brandywine.

I could find no Sutton's or Sutters Creek near either Camden NJ or Camden SC.

No Pennsylvania troops were sent to South Carolina until the end of 1781, and Gen. Henry Knox never served in South Carolina. The following note is on the back of the pension certificate issued 3 Aug 1818: “Admitted – The evidence is strongly in his favor – Tho he has committed an error in saying he served under Genl Genl. Knox in So. Carolina – The General was never there.”