

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edward Earp S41468  
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State of North Carolina, Johnston County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions February Term 1823

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1823 Personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of Record for the County & State aforesaid Edward Earp aged about 78 years, and Resident in said County & State for eight or 10 years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows – that he first enlisted under Captain William Ward at Wake old Court house in this State for an 18 months tour of service and served out his said tour of service faithfully. that soon after hi enlistment he marched with other troops to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina Where Colonel Long & General Buncomb [sic, Buncombe] Commanded, he believes it was the fourth Regiment in the North Carolina line, after which period of service he again enlisted under Captain John Salter [? could be Latter] for 12 months and served his time but in the Southern States. That he again enlisted under Colonel Lewis Bledsoe and was in the The battle at Gates defeat and Stono. that he always served out the several periods of his enlistment faithfully.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 persons 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed

Schedule: To wit of each article of Real & personal Estate	
(Viz) 1 Puter[ sic, pewter?] bason 1 do dish & 3 puter plates valued	\$1.50
3 Case knives & t forks \$1 Butcher knife old	.40
1 washing tub & Pail 4/ 1 churn 2/6	.65
1 Flax Wheel 10/-- 1 wool wheel 5/	1.50
2 old irons 1/6	.25
4 old chairs frames—8/	.80
1 old pine table	.50
1 Bed & furniture	10.00
1 Iron pot 20/-- 1 Butter pot \$2—1 specie 10/	<u>5.00</u>
	\$20.60
Bed & furniture deducted	<u>10.00</u>
	\$10.60

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Edward Earp, X his mark

S/ RM Sanders, Clk

and that he is no other property or any real estate whatever. That his occupation is a farmer but being now very old and infirm he is unable to maintain himself and unable to pursue it to make a support –

being now nearly 78 years of age. That his family is composed of himself and his wife “Celia” Earp very old & sickly between 60 & 70 years of age, his daughter Louisa [?] 24 years of age and her child four years of age named Zelia Ann Smith; the father of the said child, was James Smith who married the said Louisa & since has deserted her to run away—leaving her and her child upon this deponent for support—that said James Smith is gone to some foreign Country unknown to the said Edward Earp. That he is entirely unable to support himself and family from their labor and could not make out to live off it except for the charity of his neighbors – who sometimes assist him.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court it being a Court of Record.

S/ Edward Earp, X his mark

[James Edins [sic, James Edens?] and Elmer Hendley of Wake County NC gave affidavits saying they knew Edward Earp during the revolution [although neither says he served with Earp] and believe Earp's statements about his service and his reduced circumstances to be true.]

Office of Secretary of State of North Carolina 16th of December 1822

I hereby certify that the name of Edward Earp is not to be found on the musterrolls of the North Carolina Continental line in and for this State in the revolutionary war but a Warrant has been issued to him on the Certificate of and Officer for 3 years services, which is considered evidence that he did serve.

Given &c

S/ Wm Hill, Secry.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1823, for 3 years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]