

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Edwards S6812

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State of North Carolina, County of Wayne: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting David Edwards resident of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina aged 69 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he was drafted for twelve months service he believes in the fall of the year 1781 or 1782 – and was placed immediately after he was drafted under the command of Captain Thomas Shute at Kinston N. C., the place of Rendezvous. That he stayed only a few days at Kinston when he was marched to Elizabeth in Bladen County N. C., thence to Ashpole on the South Carolina line – thence to the Pedee [River] in S. C. -- thence after various efforts to suppress disaffection in South Carolina after a few days he was marched to Deep River in North Carolina where a Fort was constructed after staying a few weeks on Deep River – he was marched to Haw River in NC. After remaining a few weeks longer on said River in its vicinity he was marched to Hillsboro in N. C. where after a stay of a few weeks he was discharged at the end of the year for which term of service he was drafted. That the Declarant does not believe he was subject to any higher officer then Major Bennett Crafton. His Captain at first was Captain Shute – his lieutenant was named Bilbary – Ensign Dennis Glisson [sic, Gleason?]- Orderly Sergeant John Morgan. After he joined the Regiment of the North Carolina line at Elizabeth he was placed under immediate command of Captain Morris Raiford's command until discharged by him at Hillsboro as aforesaid. His discharge was signed by Captain Raiford after the full and complete service of twelve months – His memory is not sufficiently vivid in his extreme old age and being impaired by the numerous ills of life to state with exactness the precise time of his different movements during the campaign – but he avers confidently that his term of service was fully expired and that he was honorably discharged. The Declarant was connected at no time with any of the Continental troops but was chiefly engaged in securing domestic quiet in his own, and the neighboring State of South Carolina. There is only one person now living in the neighborhood who served with declarant in this campaign – James McDaniel<sup>1</sup> was his fellow soldier in this service and will testify to the facts herein asserted. The Declarant has never received any pension nor made application for one before the present. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ P. Hooks, Clk

S/ David Edwards, X his mark

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1 [James McDaniel \(Daniel\) S9432](#)

[Col. Ezekiel Slocum<sup>2</sup> and Hiram W. Husted gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Wayne County

This day came before me Calvin Coor one of the Justices of the peace for the County of aforesaid Miles Langley<sup>3</sup> and made oath in due form of law that David Edwards of the County and State aforesaid did perform & serve a twelve months tour in the Revolutionary war in the Continental line of this State and entered the service in the month of April 1781 as well as he can recollect at Dobbs court house in this State, as a drafted Soldier, and that he faithfully served out his twelve months tour that himself & said David Edwards messed together and that they were honorably discharged at Guilford Court house State of North Carolina.

Waynesboro

February 9, 1833

S/ Calvin Coor, JP

S/ Miles Langley, X his mark

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David Edwards maketh oath that the Service of 12 months stated by him as having been performed in his Declaration for a pension was in the State Troops – under authority of the State and also paid by the State of North Carolina.

This affiant has made application for the Secretary of State of North Carolina for the evidence required as to his being enrolled among the State Troops. His application was unsuccessful – and he was informed his name was not in his office. This affiant knows not why his name was not so enrolled – or if enrolled why he has not been preserved – but he does know that he was drafted compulsively by authority of the State – and the service was not such as the Commissioner of Pensions in his last letter returning his papers, supposes it might have been but was bona fide such as the Act of 1832 contemplated, as he honestly believes.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1836.

S/ John J. Collier, JP

S/ David Edwards, X his mark

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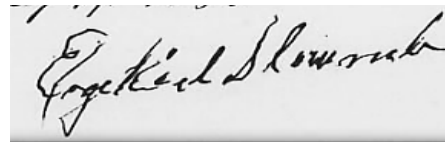
State of North Carolina County of Wayne

Ezekiel Slocumb maketh oath the Service of David Edwards an applicant for a pension of twelve months duration under Morris Raiford Capt., Bennett Crofton Major and Col. Long – was a service, as this affiant understood at the time & now believes – under the authority of the State of North Carolina – and not simply as a contingent service for chasing Tories and other momentary and accidental efforts – This affiant was not with said Edwards personally but knows of the service – and always understood it to have been a service by State Troops and now believes it to have been such – This Affiant believes that said David is justly entitled to a pension for 12 months – if a service for that time in said State Troops can so entitle him.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid – May 17, 1832

S/ John J Collier, JP

S/ Ezekiel Slocumb

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ezekiel Slocumb". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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<sup>2</sup> [Ezekiel Slocumb S7526](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Miles Langley S7132](#)

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that David Edwards a Sergeant in Captain Bailey's company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment entered the service on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 for 12 months and left the service on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1838

S/ Wm Hill

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1838 Sir

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, I have to say that previous to giving a certificate to David Edwards a Sgt. in Capt. Bailey's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, I carefully looked over all the regiments for his name and found it only once. All the 9, 12, & 18 months men were, towards the close of the War put in the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment and under different officers from those who mustered them into service, but whether the David Edwards now claiming a pension is the same mustered in Capt. Bailey's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment I have no means of ascertaining but I believe the person claiming is entitled, having seen him and heard his story.

I am respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina militia.]