

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Henry Edwards SC2573
Audited Account No. 2164C

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Petition of Henry Edwards praying to be placed on the pension list
Pensions
Granted

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President ~~Speaker~~ and members of the Senate ~~House of~~
~~Representatives~~ of said State

The petition of Henry Edwards of Chesterfield district in the said State, respectfully
Sheweth –

That your petitioner enlisted in the second Regiment, commanded by Colonel Francis Marion, soon after the commencement of the war of the Revolution, and continued in said Regiment, until the surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]² when he escaped capture by [undeciphered word]³ himself and afterwards escaping from the City.

When the spirit of the country began to revive, your petitioner joined General Marion, and served with him in the militia service, until the end of the war, during which time – he was in the Battle of Quinby [Quinby's Bridge, July 17, 1781] and Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], at both of which he was wounded. At the first, in the lower part of the abdomen, and at the Last, by a ball in the breast, which was never extracted, and from which in his old age, he has experienced much pain and uneasiness.

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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[Undeciphered word]⁴ your petitioner, further shows unto your honorable body, that until lately his situation was not such as rendered assistance necessary – to his subsistence; for until recently he has been a healthy strong man, and chose rather to eat the bread of his own industry – than to live on the Charity of his Country. But being now seventy-three years of age, and disabled in a good degree from working, by the Rheumatism and the wound above mentioned, he feels himself constrained to ask, that assistance, which whilst he was able to labor, he was unwilling to receive. Your petitioner is advised that having been a soldier in the Continental Line, he is entitled to a pension under the act of Congress but he has no record of his service, and all who knew him as a soldier in the 2nd Regiment are gone – and on Looking about among the few of his contemporaries, who are alive, he finds only two or three & they only knew him as a militia man with Marion. Being therefore unable to establish his claim to the pension allowed by the General Government and having rendered some faithful service as a militia man, he now prays your honorable body, that he may be placed on the pension list whereby the Remnant of his days may be rendered from want & he will ever pray, &c

4th of October 1828

S/ Henry Edwards, h his mark

Witness

S/ Josiah J. Evans

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Schedule of the Estate of Henry Edwards

14 head of cattle of all ages

20 head of hogs of all ages

To beds & furniture old & of little value

2 ploughs 2 hoes 2 axes a drawing knife & hand saw

some pots and other cooking utensils & his wearing apparel

South Carolina Darlington District}

Before me personally appeared Henry Edwards & made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true & that the foregoing schedule is a [undeciphered word] & true Account of all his property of which he is in any manner possessed.

S/ Henry Edwards, h his mark

Sworn to before me

the 4 October 1828

S/ Josiah J Evans, JP

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South Carolina Chesterfield District}

Before me personally appeared Robert Polk and made oath that he was well acquainted with Henry Edwards during the revolutionary War and knew him in the militia Service under General Marion & that he the said Henry Service was a faithful soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to before me

the 15 day of November 1828

S/ Malcolm Campbell, JP

S/ Robert Polk, X his mark

[pp 10-11: contains receipts beginning May 27, 1830 and ending May 20, 1834 reflecting annual payments to the veteran of \$60. The payment made in 1830 was for \$120 reflecting 2 years pension.]