

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Arthur Eanes Petition for a Pension

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Bill Drawn

To the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The petition of Arthur Eanes of the County of Charlotte respectfully sheweth---the during the revolutionary war when General Green was hard pressed and compelled to retreat through the Carolinas, your petitioner volunteered his services and entered the army then formed to support General Green, under the command of Capt Thomas Spencer now deceased---That at the memorable battle of Guildford, where the volunteers and militia of this state so distinguished themselves, your petitioner received a severe wound, the ball passing through the left arm just below the shoulder and penetrating his body, was extracted at the back bone---That in consequence of it, his arm has withered and is greatly disabled, and his health materially affected, so much so, that he is scarcely ever well and is subject to severe attacks---That notwithstanding his situation, he had determined not to apply to the munificence of his country, as long as he could well support himself. But now he is becoming old and his infirmities are so great, and his spells of sickness so frequent, that it with difficulty he can make more than will pay his physicians. He therefore applies to the justice and liberality of your honourable body, praying such a provision to be made for him as his care merits.

Arthur Eanes

Certificate of Doctor Anthony Johns for A. Eanes

The affidavit of Doctor Anthony Johns a free Holder and citizen of the County of Charlotte being first sworn saith: That he has been acquainted with Arthur Eanes ten or twelve years, and that he is a weakly infirm man, that he has visited him in several spells of sickness, and that he was every reason to believe from the nature of his wound, that it is the cause of a habitual breast complaint, and disables him in a great measure from bodily Labour and further he saith not

Anthony Johns

Sworn to before us Justices of the Peace

4 November 1812

John Dennis

Wm B Morton

Certificate of Campbell Daniel for Arthur Eanes

The affidavit of Campbell Daniel a Citizen and freeholder of the County of Charlotte being first sworn deposed and saith; That a few days previous to the Battle at Gilford he saw Arthur Eanes in North Carolina he was then well and clear of any wound; That he the deponent a few days before the engagement was ordered together with others to convey the prisoners to Albermarle in Virginia---The next time the deponent saw said Eanes he was at his Fathers in the County of Charlotte badly wounded in the left arm below the shoulder blade the ball continuing through the arm and coming out near the back bone: from which wound his arms is much withered and greatly disabled: The Father of said Eanes informed the deponent that he had to move him from Carolina in a cart on account of the wound: and further he has frequently heard Mr. Eanes from that time to the present complain of the injury received from that wound and believed to be cause of his affliction and further I say not:

Campbell Daniel

Sworn to in the County of Charlotte before us two of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace for said County this 4th day of November 1812.

John Dennis
Wm B Morton

Affidavit of Edward Eanes

The affidavit of Edward Eanes a freeholder and Citizen of the County of Charlotte being first sworn saith: That the morning of the engagement at Gilford Courthouse not more than an hour before the battle he saw Arthur Eanes who was then well and clear of any wound; That also in the first of the engagement he saw said Arthur Eanes passing in the rear guard in order to form for battle on the left: The next time he saw said Arthur Eanes at his fathers in the County of Charlotte; but heard from him on the ninth day badly wounded so much so that it was supposed he never would survive; the ball as now may be seen entered the left arm below the shoulder blade continuing through the arm coming near the back bone; of which wound said Arthur Eanes has been and is yet greatly afflicted; his arm much decayed his health considerably impaired from entering his 54th year of age: The deponent is as certain that Arthur Eanes received the wound in Battle of Gilford as he can be of anything he did not see: and frequently heard said Eanes say he never would ask for aid from the public if he could make to live without it: and further he saith not

Edward Eanes

Sworn to before us Justices of the Peace
4 November 1812

John Dennis
Wm B Morton

Affidavit of Dr. William Rice

Charlotte County Sepr 4th 1813

I have been acquainted with Arthur Eanes for 20 years; and have during that time often attended him in several, several severe spells of sickness. He has never enjoyed a good state of health and I think it is highly probably that his ill health is chiefly occasioned by his wounds which I have examined and which he informed me were received in the battle at Guilford Courthouse.

William Rice

Affidavit of Peter Claybrooke and William Mullings

Charlotte County to wit:

This day Peter Claybrooke and William Mullings came before me a Justice of the peace for County aforesaid and made oath, that they well know that Arthur Eanes enlisted as a volunteer from the County of Charlotte and that he was in the Battle of Guildford----That they understood he was wounded in the engagement, but do not know it. They know that he was not in the army after the Battle---William Mullings says the he enlisted in the same Company with him under Capt. Thomas Spencer, who is now dead.----Given under my hand this 6th of September 1813.

W.M. Watkins
