

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Edens¹ W11092

Nancy Ann Green² fn72SC

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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County

Be it remembered that on this 23rd day of November A.D. 1818, before me William Cotton one of the associate judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the County of Switzerland aforesaid, personally came Elias Edens of the County aforesaid aged about Sixty five years who after being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God as the law directs doth and did depose, declare and say that he entered into the Service of the United Colonies, in the Army raised to obtain and defend American Liberty and Independence, by enlisting under Captain Francis Boiakin [sic, Francis Boykin ?] of the 3rd Regiment of Rangers in South Carolina -- the 3rd Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] of the brigade first commanded by General Howe [presumably a reference to Robert Howe of North Carolina], afterwards by General Moultrie [William Moultrie]. He was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and after serving three years and six months He was finally discharged at Charleston SC by General Moultrie. He has never had a pension allowed him by Congress to his knowledge, and if any should exist he hereby relinquishes the same to the United States and finally that he is in indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, under the provisions of the act of Congress of the Session of 1817 -- 1818, & further saith not

S/ Elias Edens, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day first above written

S/ William Cotton, Associate Judge C. C. Indiana

District of Indiana Jefferson County

On the 25th day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record in & for the Indiana District of the State of Indiana so made a court of record by the Constitution and laws of said State Elias Edens aged sixty-eight years resident in said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, to wit and Colonel William Thompson's Regiment Captain Franklin Boykins company the third Regiment, he has received one and a half years a number of pension Certificate 11932 date of Original Pension 23rd Nov. 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled

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² Former widow

“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 18th 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—

Real estate I have none	
Personal Property: 2 Cows & Calves	\$32.00
2 Sows & 10 shoats	10.00
1 pot & oven	<u>3.50</u>
	\$45.50

Occupation a farmer & not able to pursue it in consequence of Rheumatism. The number three I have in my family One of the age of 23 years & my wife whose age is Seventy years her name is Sally.

S/ Elias Edens, X his mark

[p 12: On 18 March 1863, in Ripley County, Indiana, Nancy Ann Green, 44, filed under the 1853 act for a widows pension as the widow of Elias Edens, a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him on September 13, 1831 and that he died in May 6, 1841 [Note: by my calculation, Nancy Ann was 12 years old when she married Elias Edens and that he was then 79 years old—can this possibly be correct?] that in 1841, she married William Bannister, who died in 1844; that on October 22, 1844, she married Jeremiah Goodwin; that he died in February 1847; that she then married Frederick Green on July 16, 1855; Frederick died January 6, 1863.]

[p 16, marriage license issued September 13, 1831, for the marriage of Elias Edens and Nancy Bradshaw, issued in Jefferson County, Indiana.]

[p 17, marriage license issued November 30, 1839 [sic, this is before she says Elias Edens died], for the marriage of William Bannister and Nancy Edens, in Jefferson County, Indiana.]

[p 18, record of the marriage of Jeremiah Goodwin and Nancy Ann Bannister October 23, 1844, Ripley County, Indiana.]

[p 18, record of the marriage of Frederick Green to Nancy Ann Goodwin on the 16th July 1855 in Ripley County, Indiana.]

[In other papers, Elias Edens is said to have died April 29, 1839, in Jefferson County, Indiana.]

[Facts in file: The widow was still alive and living in Versailles, Ripley County, Indiana in 1889 when she stated she was 76 years old. She is said to have died March 26, 1892; Mary Edens, 61, filed a affidavit in support of the widow’s petition in 1863, saying she was the daughter-in-law of Elias Edens and saying she was present at the marriage of Elias and Nancy Ann; someone named William Edens was living in Clay City, Illinois on April 25, 1892, relationship, if any, not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 23rd, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]