

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Ewing¹ W1584 Sarah Ewing

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Bedford County: SS In order to obtain the benefit of the act of 7th June 1832

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Robert McCrory an acting Justice of said County Alexander Ewing a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy years being first duly sworn upon the Wholy [Holy] Evangelist of Almighty God doth on his own Corporal oath answer the following Interrogatories to him propounded by the said Robert McCrory in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832 entitled an Act Supplementary to an act for the relief of surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina about the year of 1762 the precise date I cannot remember having no record of my age and being unable to read or write

Question 2nd Where were you living when called into service

Answer: In Mecklenburg North Carolina

Question 3rd : Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: A part of my time in Mecklenburg North Carolina and part of my time in Bedford County Tennessee in which latter place I am now live

Question 4th How were you called into service & when?

Answer: I volunteered for 12 months and was afterwards drafted for 12 months more I served to the first 10 months under General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] and the other 12 under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] when I was called into service I cannot remember keeping no dates

Question 5th How many Battles were you in

Answer none But the Battle at Log town Camden South Carolina [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]²

Question 6th By what officers were you commanded and discharged

Answer In the first campaign by General Greene & discharged by ^{of the Maryland line} Major Guilford Dudley and in the last I was commanded by General Rutherford and discharged by Major White I do not remember the names of any of the inferior officers but it appears to me that in my last Captain's name was Cole of the drafted militia and that of my first of the volunteers was James Osburn.

¹ BLWt36637-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

Question 7th Through what countries did you March

Answer through North & South Carolina

Question 8th Did you receive Honorable Discharges from each tour of service

Answer I did

Question 9th What have become of your discharges

Answer They have been either lost or destroyed

Question 10th Do you know of any person or persons who have seen it would Discharges

Answer my brother Robert Ewing as read one if not both of them

Question 11th Do you know of any person now living who served with you

Answer I do not

Question 12th Have you any property

Answer not enough for a comfortable support

Question 13th What is your present state of Health

Answer I am very weakly and infirm being almost unable to get about an entirely unable to get to our County Court to prove up this claim a distance of 22 or 23 miles off

Question 14th what is the nature of your disease

Answer I have been laboring for some time under Rheumatism, and have for many years past been very much trouble constantly more or less with a weakly bowel complaint which has been produced by my exposures while in the service of the United States

Question 15th Did you receive any pay for your services at time or before you were discharged

Answer I did for my last tour but not for the first

Questions 16th Have you ever received any pension from the Government of USA

Answer I have neither applied for or Received any I also hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the Present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ Robert McCrory, JP

S/ Alexander Ewing, X his mark

[John Paxton and John Vincent, both clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On January 9, 1845 in Marion County Tennessee, Sarah Ewing, 69, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Alexander Ewing who was a volunteer private in the company of Captain Falls [William Falls] (who she says was killed at either Ramsour's Mill or at Camden) and Regiment of Colonel Read and of another company commanded by Capt. Ausburn [James Osborn], she believes of Mecklenburg County, NC; that she married him in 1791 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina; and that he departed life in Marshall County (formerly Bedford County) Tennessee on April 20, 1843; she also made reference in her applicant to her husband having served under General Greene and Col. Dudley. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Sarah's maiden name was Sarah Chappell; she claimed to be 80 years old in 1856; then living in Marion County, Tennessee; On July 24, 1851, Lucretia Ewing, 78, says she knows Sarah and Alexander were married in 1791 because her (affiant's) eldest child, Easther Ewing, was born March 2, 1791 and was a suckling child present at the wedding of Sarah and Alexander; On July 24, 1851, Robert Ewing, 84 of Marshall County, Tennessee, states that Sarah

and Alexander Ewing were married in his house in Mecklenburg County, NC in September 1791; that they were married by a JP; that his (affiant's) eldest child, Easter Ewing was born March 2, 1791; that his second child (Alexander Ewing) was born December 14, 1792.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]