

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isham East W19209 Mary East VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Patrick }

On this 15th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Martin Cloud a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Isham East a resident of the county aforesaid aged 75 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 the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

this declarant states that he lived in the state of Virginia in Bedford County at the commencement of the revolutionary war that in the winter of 77 he went to the County of Surry North Carolina to see his father who had moved to that county shortly after this declarant arrived there an expedition was set on foot against the tories who were committing depredations in the neighbourhood of the brushy mounty [sic: Brushy Mountains in Wilkes County NC] one peter Sally was drafted to perform this tour but having a fettyfied wife this declarant volunteered in his stead under Capt Sallythial Martin [sic: Salathiel Martin] they proceeded to the Fox nobbs [Fox Knob in present Grayson County] the brushy mounty from there to hunting creek [in Wilkes County NC] and to Colonel Cleavlands [sic: Benjamin Cleveland] on the yadkin river who had ordered out this detachment from thence they proceeded to the Mulbury fields [now Wilkesboro in Wilkes County] in this expedition we took one Roberts a tory who afterwards made his escape. some of the detachment took several toryes killed Nichols [see endnote] Combs and kier wright [Hezekiah Wright] this declarant declares he was engaged in this tour of duty about four or five weeks for which he got a discharge signed by Sallythial Martin his Capt which is lost he also received his pay for this service. a short time after this your declarant was drafted into the service under the same capt destined for ninety six [Ninety Six SC] They March to old Richmond in Surry County NC [now in Yadkin County NC] where he remained about four weeks making frequent short excursions into the neighbouring country after the toryes it then was believed to be unnecessary to go to ninety six the company was therefore disbanded the declarant then obtained from Colonel Martin Armstrong a certificate to enable him to return to bedford in virginia unmolested not many months after his arrival in said Bedford County Virginia the precise length of time he cannot recollect a detachment was called out to go to the Lead mines in Virginia (the western part) [near Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County] to join Colonel Charles Lynch who was station there with a force to guard that your declarant volunteered in this requisition under Capt Edmond King of Halifax County we together with Capt Jones and other companys not recollected rendevous at Mases woods[?] after remaining there three days we marched to Col Lynches in the same county Bedford where we waited two days for Moore company and then marched on towards the mountains some five days march when this declarants captain was unfortunately thrown from his horse and badly wounded this declarant was then chosen by his wounded Capt to take charge of him and if possible to carry him home which after a considerable length of time was performed the ballance of the company joined in with other companys and went on this was an expedition of three months and although the declarant was turned back it was considered to him as a three months tour– this declarant states that he was frequently and often called out on short expeditions after the disaffected moore than he is able at this advanced stage to recollect so as to detail them so much so that he recollects that his trade which was that of a Black smith was of little or no service to him Some time in the winter of 1780 [sic: 1781] this declarant turned out as a volunteer under Capt John Burkley of Halifax County for a three months tour they rendesvous at Peytonsburg [a supply depot in Pittsylvania County VA] under the command of Col [Peter] Perkins where he remained for three or four weeks when news arived of the approach of the brittish near the Marian towns in N.C. [sic: Moravian towns of Bethabara, Bethania, and Salem, Feb 1781] under Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis] we Marched to Halifax Court House in the same county and there joined General Green [sic:

Nathanael Greene] in a short time we received news that the british were at Boyds ford on dan [on Dan River near present South Boston] We then marched on there but the brittish had left there and gone up to Hugh Dobins where they destroyed his property meanwhile Green was closely pursuing them from thence the british proceeded to high Rock ford [on the Haw River near present Reidsville in Rockingham County NC, where Greene was camped] had a skirmish with the americans there there Green was joined by the North Carolina malitia under the command of Colonel Winston [Joseph Winston, commander of the Surry County Boys] and [Joseph] Williams from there they proceeded to the Alamance where the british guard was stationed in a tane[?] the american advance guard went down upon them command by Micajah Lewis who was there shot through the thigh your declarant saw him after he returned to the corps, and was with him untill he dyed [at Dickey's Farm NC, 27 Feb 1781] from thence your declarant was marched to Gilford Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse] the british went in to new garden meeting house a battle commenced between the advanced guard of the americans and the british guard the former gave way to an old field where the battle became general [15 Mar 1781] in the engagement your declarant was order to man the cannon which did untill the British took them from us this declarant states he was in the hottest of the battle during this whole engagement a battle so well known & unnecessary to give it in detail your declarant forgot to state that his Capt resigned shortly after they started on this expedition who was succeeded in command by Capt Clements from Pittsylvania under whom he served untill Clements time of service was up your declarants term of service was also up at that time for which for which Capt Clements gave him a discharge which is long time lost your declarant then volunteered under Capt William Becks under whom he served untill the battle of Gilford was over for this short time of service under Becks he got a discharge from Becks which is also lost this declarant returned home to Bedford county and was not afterwards in the service in the year 1783 he moved to Surry county in North Carolina and Stokes County from whence he moved to Patrick County Virginia in the year 1801 where he has lived ever since he further states that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service and that he has no documentary evidence of service he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that he is not on the pension list of the agency of any state Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
Martin Cloud JP
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NOTES:

The date given for East's first tour, "shortly after" "the winter of 77," is probably in error. The pension application of Elihu Ayers (R335) states that this expedition against Tories began in April 1780. The Nichols mentioned as having been killed was probably Bill Nichols, who was accused of assassinating William Letcher in Patrick County on 2 Aug 1780.

On 10 June 1840 Mary East, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married Isham East on 6 Sep 1781, and he died on 19 Jan 1835. On 14 July 1841 Henry King certified that the marriage took place on Bannister River in present Campbell County, officiated by Nathaniel (Nathan) Hall, a Baptist preacher. On 2 Feb 1842 William East, 55, stated that the family register transcribed below was from a testament that came into his possession upon the death of his brother, Drury East. He listed the children of Isham and Mary East and their dates of birth as follows: John 20 Sep 1782, Joseph 7 Jul 1784, William 12 Apr 1787, Drury 30 Mar 1789, Mary 12 Oct 1791, Sary 16 Mar 1794, Elizabeth 22 Jul 1797, and Ursula 1 Dec 1800.

The register mentioned above is in a New Testament published in 1802. The pages are transcribed below in a slightly different arrangement from Fold3.

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William East was Born April 12th AN'o 178[?]

Drury East [was] Born March 30th 1789

Mary East was Born Oct 12th 1791

Sary East was Born March 16th 1794

Elisabeth East was Born July 22nd 1797

Ursula East was born December 1st 1800

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Drury East was son of Mary Cannon

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Drury East Son Isham East and Mary his wife was Born March 30th In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight [sic] hundred and Eighty nine

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