

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of Edward Box W25268

Nancy

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State of Tennessee Decatur County: SS

On this the 28th day of May 1855, personally appeared before me Theophilus Low a justice of the peace in and for said County and State, duly authorized by law to administer oaths for general purposes Edward Box aged about one hundred one years, a resident of Decatur County Tennessee, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Edward Box who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Robert Maxfield in the Regiment of General Pickens' militia commanded by Colonel Worton in the revolutionary War declared by the United States on the __ day of __ A. D. __ that he was drafted at Ready River [sic, Reedy River] in the County of Larence [sic, Laurens] and State of South Carolina on or about the Blank day of December A.D. __ for the Term of three years and continued in actual service in said War for the said Term of three years and was honorably discharged at __ in the said State of South Carolina on the __ day of __ A.D. __. He further states that he is now a pensioner of the United States on the Pension Roll of the Jackson Tennessee agency under the Act of the 7th of June 1832 that he was placed on said roll by a special Act of Congress passed 2nd of March 1853 and that his proof of service, discharges etc. is now on file in the pension office at Washington City, to all of which he refers to prove the service set out in this declaration.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3rd of March 1855. He also declares that he has not received a Warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefore.

S/ Theo Low, JP

S/ Edward Box, X his mark

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An Act for the relief of Edward Box

Be it enacted by the Said it and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby directed to place the name of Edward Box, of Tennessee, upon the revolutionary pension roll, at the rate of \$6.66 and two thirds cents per month, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1842, and to continue during his natural life.

Approved March 2nd, 1853.

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House of Rep. January 29th 1853¹

Sir

I am under the necessity of calling upon you for a copy of all the papers in your office respecting Edward Box's application for a Revolutionary pension, he was for many years upon the pension Roll, and his pension was suspended upon an affidavit filed in your office stating that said Box was a Tory. I filed proof showing that the affiant was not worthy of credit and as that Box be restored to his place upon the pension Roll, you required that Box should make out a case denovo [sic, de novo] & I withdrew the papers and referred them to the Committee for Rev. Pensions of this House, they have been mislaid & I therefore asked that you get me a copy of such papers as you have upon this subject, as I hope to have the case acted upon this session, You will oblige me very much by responding at as early a day as your convenience will permit.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

S/ J. G. Harris²

[fn p. 5: On September 6th, 1858 in Decatur County Tennessee, Mrs. Nancy Box, 55, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Box, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him March 7, 1842; that he died May 15, 1857; that she remains his widow.]

¹ I have included this letter because I think it sheds light on why this file contains no original pension application with regard to this veteran's claim.

² HARRIS, Isham Green, a Representative and a Senator from Tennessee; born near Tullahoma, Franklin County, Tenn., February 10, 1818; attended the common schools and Winchester Academy; moved to Paris, Tenn., to become a store clerk; studied law; admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Paris, Henry County, Tenn., in 1841; member, State senate 1847; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first and Thirty-second Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1853); declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1852; chairman, Committee on Invalid Pensions (Thirty-second Congress); moved to Memphis in 1853 and resumed the practice of law; elected Governor of Tennessee in 1857, 1859, and 1861, and committed Tennessee to the Confederate cause; served in the Confederate Army for the last three years of the Civil War; after the Civil War, fled first to Mexico, then to England; returned to Tennessee and resumed the practice of law in Memphis; elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1877; reelected in 1883, 1889, and 1895 and served from March 4, 1877, until his death; served as President pro tempore of the Senate during the Fifty-third Congress; chairman, Committee on District of Columbia (Forty-sixth and Fifty-third Congresses), Committee on Epidemic Diseases (Forty-ninth through Fifty-second Congresses), Committee on Private Land Claims (Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth Congresses); died in Washington, D.C., July 8, 1897; funeral services were held in the Chamber of the United States Senate; interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Tenn.