

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Edwards, ¹ W3790

Sabra Edwards f85NC

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State of North Carolina, Johnston County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions 1832

On the 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Johnston County now sitting Benjamin Edwards a resident of Johnston County and State of North Carolina aged Sixty eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First, I belonged to the ~~second~~ [?] division of Johnston County militia I was drafted for three months about the year 1780 under Captain Edmund Griffin of said County and marched from Johnston Court house to Kingston [Kinston], and was there put under the command of Colonel Allen [James Allen] and General William Caswell then we marched to Cross Creek, then to Pine Tree (now called Camden) there crossed the Wateree & Congaree Rivers, then marched to within eighteen miles of Charleston South Carolina where the battle was fought we were at that distance we remained at this spot some time and captured one hundred and sixty of the enemy light horse who were [indecipherable word] by some of our men that was fishing [?] then we retreated through Camden, there we met with Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] with his Continental troops and he refused to march with ~~Colonel~~ General Caswell. Caswell took Cross Creek road, Colonel Buford took the Charlotte Road & was overtaken by the British at Hanging Rock on the Charlotte Road and was totally defeated [Battle of Waxhaws, May 29, 1780], we marched to Cross Creek then across Cape Fear River and near said River was discharged. I had a regular discharge but have lost or mislaid the same. I have no documentary evidence I can prove this service by Britain Roberts,² saw the Continental troops under Col. Buford.

Second. I was about fifteen months after my return from the service drafted for three months and mustered at Johnston Court house under Captain Phillip Thomas we marched to Vinsmitt's [?] Mill on Norhunty [sic, Nahunta] Creek thence to Greenville, thence across the Country & across Neuse River, thence across Cape Fear thence to Rockingham in Richmond County to Colson's ferry on the Pedee [River] where we remained several weeks buit [built or burnt?] a house. This tour was performed under Colonel Linton [Lt. Col. William Thomas Linton] the enemy passed up on the opposite side of the River we marched up on this side of the River they retreated south and we marched towards our homes and I was discharged by my officers at Johnston Court house. I have lost or mislaid my discharge have no documentary evidence, saw no Continental troops. I can prove this tour of service by Britain Roberts.

Third I served three months as a substitute as follows (to wit) I was a substitute for Davis Gurly of the light horse, we marched from Johnston Court house under Captain John James across Neuse

¹ BLWt34273-160-55

² [Britain \(Brittain\) Roberts S7400](#)

River joined some militia under the command of Colonel Kenan [James Kenan] on the banks of Rock Fish Creek a Fort was built there, we had an engagement [Legat's Bridge, May 13, 1781] with the British forces under the command of General Craig [Major James Craig] ~~we lost~~ some of our men were killed & three wounded several of the enemy were reported to have been killed – we were compelled to retreat, we passed Duplin Court house came up North side of Neuse River we were halted at Spring Bank [?] & pressed into service for the purpose of arresting Lord Corn Wallace [sic, Lord Cornwallis] in his retreat. Our officers deemed it prudent to retreat on his approach and we retreated 10 or 15 miles into Duplin County and we were there regularly discharged. I have lost or mislaid the same. I have no documentary evidence and cannot produce any person who can prove or testify to this service. I saw no Continental troops in this service.

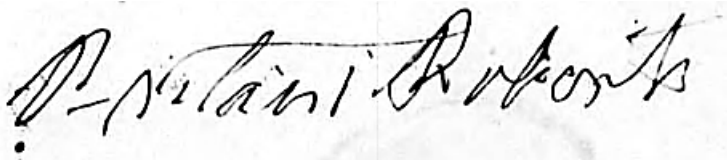
He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Benjamin Edwards, X his mark

I Brittain Roberts do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Benjamin Edwards the person who has signed the foregoing certificate and served with him [in] the companies of Captains Edward Griffin and Philip Thomas at the times and places stated in the preceding declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Britain Roberts



[Benjamin Stevens and James Perdue [?] could be Peeden] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On May 22, 1843, in Johnston County, NC, Mrs. Sabry Edwards, 66 next August, flour for a widow's pension stating that she married Benjamin Edwards and her 15th year, having been born on the fourth of August 1777, which would make her marriage sometime in the year 1792 or 1791; that said Benjamin Edwards died July 1 1836. The petition is signed S/ Sabry Edwards, X her mark]

[Facts in file: Sabra, Sabry Edwards' maiden name was Tiner, Tinen or Tinens.³ In 1867 the widow was living in Johnston County North Carolina with her daughter Polly Edwards, her post office address at that time was Boon Hill, NC and her post office address in 1869 was Smithfield N. C.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]