

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application off John Edens <sup>1</sup> W4945

Margaret Edens

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this 14th day of June 1843 personally appeared before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now holding Court in and for said County at the Court House in the Town of Wilmington, Margaret Edens, a resident of said Town of Wilmington in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy two years this month, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of John Edens who was a private in Captain Baker's [John Baker's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted and served nine months in the Army of the Revolution, commencing in July 1778 -- and refers to the Certificate of William Hill Secretary of State as proof thereof

She further declares that she was married to the said John Edens on the 11th day of March in the year 1793 at the house of her Father Robert Sage in the County of Onslow and State aforesaid and that the marriage ceremony was performed by John Spicer Junior Esquire a Justice of the Peace for said County, that her husband the aforesaid John Edens died at sea in the year 1799, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to 1 January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me

Witness my hand and seal of Office

S/ Margaret Edens, X her mark

S/ L. H. Marsteller, Clk

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Edens a private Soldier in Captain Baker's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on 20 July 1778, for nine months.

Given under my hand this fifth day of May 1843

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County

On this the 14th day of June 1843 before the Worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, personally appeared Sarah S. Edens a resident of the Town

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt40914-160-55

of Wilmington in the County and State aforesaid aged 47 years the 13th of last March, who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that the book, out of which the family record hereunto annexed, was taken, has been in her possession since the year 1811, that it was taken out of another book viz. a Hymn now in the possession of her sister Ann, by William Nixon a school Master that the said record is in the handwriting of the said William Nixon, that she believes from the best information he has received that the said record is correct, that her Brother Robert Edens age in which the figure "6" was altered as appears by an inspection thereof to "4" ought to be from what she understands and believes 1794, that she believes it was a mistake made by William Nixon and corrected at the time, the mistake being then discovered, she hopes that the Hymn book out of which this was taken may be procured from her sister who resides about 30 miles off, and will show accordingly as she believes the words "ought to be" erased before sworn to & subscribed"

S/ Sarah S. Edens



Sworn to before me and subscribed the day and year aforesaid and I hereby certify that it was made appear to the satisfaction of the Court that said Sarah S. Edens is a credible person and that her statement is entitled to credit.

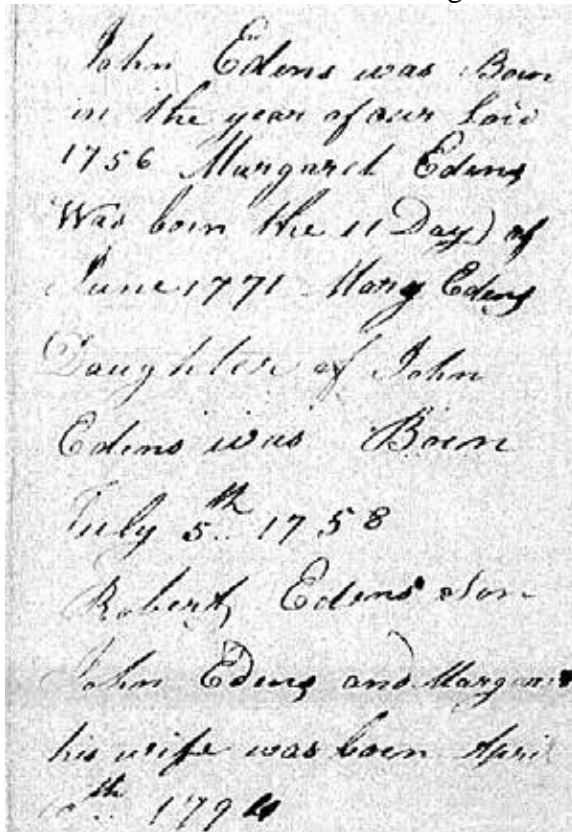
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office June 14, 1843  
S/ L. H. Marsteller, Clk

John Edens was Born in the year of our Lord 1756

Margret Edens was born the 11 day of June 1771

Mary Edens Daughter of John Edens was Born July 5<sup>th</sup> 1758 [sic]

Robert Edens John Edens and Margaret His Wife Was Born April 10th, 1794



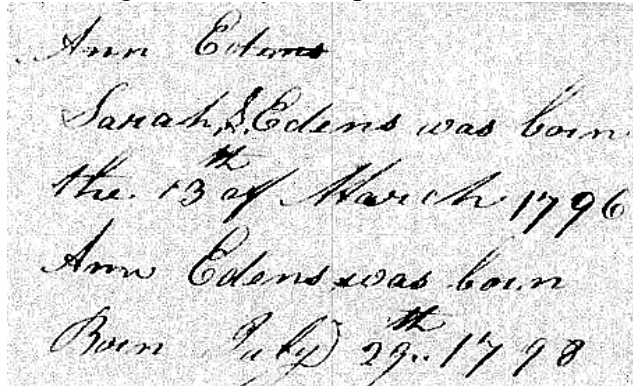
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Daughter of John  
Edens was Born  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1758  
Robert Edens son  
John Edens and Margret  
his wife was born April  
10<sup>th</sup> 1794

Sarah Edens her Book August the 29, 1814

Sarah S. Edens was born 13 March 1796

Ann Edens was born July 29<sup>th</sup> 1798

Sarah Sage Edens Book September 10<sup>th</sup> 1812 written by William Nixon



*Ann Edens*  
*Sarah S. Edens was born*  
*the 13 of March 1796*  
*Ann Edens was born*  
*Born July 29. 1798*

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State of North Carolina New Hanover County

On this the 12th day of September 1843 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Stephen Costen,<sup>2</sup> a resident of the County of Onslow in the State aforesaid aged 88 years the 19th of next November who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh oath that he was very well acquainted with John Edens the husband of Margaret Edens, who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress of 7th July 1836, knew him from his childhood and through his raising, was present when the said John Edens enlisted at Onslow Court House, he believes it was on or about the 20th of July 1778, this affiant belonged to the same militia company that said John Edens did, viz. Captain John Spicer's (Junior) that the several militia companies were required to furnish so many regulars, and our company furnished for, and the others were Francis Costen, Josiah Jenkins and William Priest: Francis Costen was the brother of this affiant. They enlisted with Thomas Onell [sic, O'Neal?] And this affiant was afterwards informed by his brother and others that they marched under Onell to Halifax and they are entered under Captain Baker and thence as they informed me to Philadelphia and thence to West Point -- They enlisted for nine months -- and returned home in May 1779 or thereabouts -- I recollect corn was up some height when they returned. This affiant further maketh oath that he was at the gathering upon the occasion of the marriage between said John Edens and his widow then Margaret Sage at the house of her Father Robert Sage but did not see the marriage ceremony performed and recollects however to have seen the Magistrate there who it was said did married them viz. John Spicer Junior, this affiant only about a mile from the place, the residence of said Robert Sage, that it was in March 1793, he knows this by the age of one of his children who was born about a fortnight afterwards.

S/ Stephen Costen, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed this the 12th day of September 1843 before me

S/ W. C. Bettencourt, JP

[Margaret Edens was still alive and living in New Hanover County North Carolina on July 12, 1856 when she filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Edens. The only fact she adds (or changes) in this petition is that in this petition she says he died at sea in March of 1798.]

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<sup>2</sup> [Stephen Costen S6777](#)

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1848, for her husband's service for 9 months as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]