

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Evans W7123 Alice Evans VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 Jan 2014.

State of Virginia, Nelson County To witt

On this 29th day of April 1851 before me Geo Vaughan a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, duly authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared Simon P. Purvis, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Acts of Cong's. of July 7, 1838, March 3^d 1843, and 17th June 1844, granting pensions to widows of Revolutionary officers, and Soldiers who served 6 months or more – and who was married prior to the 1st day of Jan'y. 1794.

That he is the Administrator of Alice, or Alcy Evans dec'd of said County, who was the widow of Charles Evans dec'd of said County – who was an elisted soldier in the Revolutionary war, and served two years or more – to the end of the war, in the Illionois Reg't. [sic: Illinois Regiment] of the Va. State line of service – but declarant not having his discharge in possession – which is said to have been in the hands of Cap Jno. Thompson Esq he can not give the name of the Captain that he the said Charles Evans served – but that the Reg't. was commanded by Col. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark], or Crockett [sic: Joseph Crockett, pension application S46377] – and will have to depend on evidence to sustain said declaration of service.

That the said Charles Evans was married to the said Alcy Evans – Maiden name Purvis, on or about the 13th day of May 1790 or 91; in said County by the Rev'd. Mr. [blank] of the [blank] church. That the said Alcy Evans died in said County on or about the 25th day of March 1847 – leaving 3 children, To witt – Cha's. Evans, Elizabeth Evans, and Walter J Evans, who are still alive. and legal children of her body. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed – and further, that she the said Alcy Evans was not married to her dec'd husband, Chas. Evans aforesaid, previous to the expiration of his last term of service – but that the marriage took place, prior to the 1st day of January 1794 – To witt, on the day of year above mentioned. Said Charles Evans died in said County over 30 years ago.

Simon P Purvis/ administrator of Aaley Evans

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On this 23^d day of May 1851 before me John Horsley a Justice of the peace in and for said County, personally appeared Charles Purvis, Aged [blank] years, a resident of said County, and a man of credibility who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say – that he is 89 years old, and became acquainted with Charles Evans dec'd of said County about 65 years ago in said County – and also with his dec'd widow, Alcy, or Alice Evans – maiden name Purvis – before she was married to the said Chas. Evans – which took place in said County on or about the [blank] day of [blank] 1790; or 61 years ago – and that he knows the fact, that they were legally joined together as man and wife, for he was present at the wedding, tho, he can not recollect the Ministers name that married them.

That he has always lived close neighbours to said Chas. Evans and said Alcy his wife, and have heard him speak a great deal about his services in the Revolutionary war – and from what he can now recollect, he told deponant, that he served about seven years in all in different capacities, as a Regular enlisted soldier, in the foot service part of the time, if not all as a Rifle man, and against the Indians out on the Frontiers – and that he was in the Illionois Country at one time – and tho he does not recollect the name of the Captain, that he served under, yet he thinks, the name of the Col of the Reg't. he he belonged to, was Clarke – and that for the services he rendered, as aforesaid, he was entitled to land, but which he had never received in his lifetime, as he understood from him.

That since his death, which occured over 30 years ago – deponant found among the papers of the said Chas. Evans, certificate, or discharge, in relation to his services in the Revolutionary war, and which stated the quantity of land he was entitled to – which he thinks was 200 acres or more – which he

told me all of the soldiers were entitled to that served in the Illionois Country – he has often repeated this to others, as well as himself.

That the aforesaid certificate, or discharge, was given by himself to Maj Richard Pollard, to obtain said land, and which he handed to Cap Jno Thompson Esqr. of Amherst, when he Pollard was appointed Minister to South America, and is now perhaps in the hands of said Thompson.

That at the death of said Chas. Evans he left a widow the aforesaid Alcy or Alice Evans – who died also on the 25th day of March 1847 in said county – leaving 3 children – To witt, Chas. Evans, Elizabeth Evans, and Walter J Evans who are still alive. said Evans went into service of Caroline County.
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[The following is in the [bounty-warrant records of the Library of Virginia.](#)]

Charles Evans Soldier in the Illinois Reg't Cap. Chaplin's [possibly Abraham Chapline's, R13134] Company has served from the 18 of Jan'y 1780 to the 19 of Jan'y 1783 (eighty three) being three years the term of his enlistment, as rec'd.[?] from Cap. Watlington. In consequence of which he is duly discharged from his enlistment. Given under my hand at Fort Nelson (Falls of Ohio) [Louisville] this 19 of Jan'y 1783

Geo. Walls [George Walls R18785] Major Com[mandant]/ For Nelson
A Copy/ J Shackelford C.B.A.

NOTE: The federal file includes a copy of a bond signed on 13 May 1791 by Charles Evans and Charles Purvis for the marriage of Charles Evans, bachelor, to Eley Purvis, spinster, both of Amherst County.