

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Evans ¹ W7126

Peggy Evans

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State of Tennessee, Knox County

On this 12th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the State of Tennessee, personally appeared Samuel Evans aged fifty-three years resident in the County of Roane Tennessee who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War -- That he the said Samuel Evans enlisted in the State of North Carolina in the company of Cavalry Commanded by Captain Gunn [possibly James Gunn] in Colonel William Washington's Corps of Cavalry for five years or during the war, in the year 1779, that he continued to serve the United States in said Corps until after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] when he was furloughed and not again called into service, and obtained no discharge -- That he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], at Guilford [March 15, 1781] and at the battle at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] -- that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support -- that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, that he never has been a pensioner and does hereby relinquish all claim to former pensions provided for Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Edw. Scott, Judge &c.

S/ Samuel Evans, X his mark

[John Callaway, high sheriff of Knox County gave a supporting affidavit as to the need of the veteran for support.]

Schedule

State of Tennessee Roane County: July Sessions 1820

On this 28th day of July 1820, virtually appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the walls of said state,) for the said County, Samuel Evans aged Fifty-seven years, resident in the County of Rowan aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he served the United States about three years & six months in the revolutionary war, that he enlisted with Captain Gerens [?]² of Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Cavalry that his pension certificate is of No. 5329 that his

¹ BLWt35824-160-55

² *Captain Gerens*

original declaration is dated the 12th day of July 1818

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

one Horse of the value of	\$25
one cow & calf	12
7 head of hogs or shoats	3.50
2 small pots ½ doz plates ½ doz knives & forks	<u>5.50</u>
	\$46.--

That he has a wife aged 45 or 46 years -- five children living with him the oldest about 13 years & a boy 2 smaller boys & two smaller girls That his wife is unhealthy that he himself has lost his right leg by amputation at the knee, that he has no trade, that he owes over \$70 or \$80

Sworn to in open court 28th day of July 1820

S/ C. Purris, D. C.

S/ Samuel Evans

[p 9: On October 25 1854 in Roane County Tennessee, Peggy Evans, 77, filed for a widow’s pension stating that she is the widow of Samuel Evans, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him in October 1829 and that he died in September 1852. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Peggy says her name was Peggy Slagle prior to her marriage to Samuel Evans; that he died in McMinn County Tennessee; the following children survived the veteran, Samuel, Harris, Nancy Mizell and Esther Davis.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 12, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia [North Carolina?] Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]