

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Edwards W8684                      Elizabeth Edwards                      VA  
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State of Kentucky, Bourbon County   Sct.

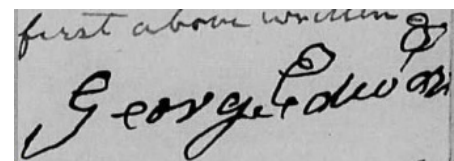
On this 2<sup>d</sup> day December 1833, George Edwards appeared personally in open county court which court is now in session – the said Edwards being a resident of said county & state, & being first sworn according to law, made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, entitled “an act supplementary to the “act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution.”

He states that he was born in Prince William County & state of Virginia on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Dec’r. 1761 – That he has the register of his birth as kept by his father in a book used for that purpose. That he is now in his seventy second year. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein after stated.

In the year 1780 he was a citizen & resident of Jefferson County & District of Kentucky. That in the begining of July of that year he united himself with a volunteer company of about 70 men in the said county of Jefferson. That our company of volunteers afs’d. was raised upon a call made by Gen George Rogers Clark. That we elected John Swann [sic: John Swan] our Captain & Ebenezer Corn our lieutenant. That in the begining of July 1780 we marched from the Falls of Ohio, or Louisville in Jefferson county afs’d. up the river Ohio to the mouth of Licking. That we marched with said Gen Clark & Col Wm Lynn [William Lynn]. That our object was to march ag’t. Shawane Towns at Chilicothe & the Pickaway [sic: Shawnee towns of Chillicothe and Piqua]. That we crossed the Ohio river with one thousand man & marched to Chilicothe. When we arrived there the Indians had fled, having first set fire to their town. We destroyed what was left of the town, & pursued them to Pickaway where we overtook & engaged in battle with them [8 Aug 1780]. They were defeated & we sustained on our part a loss of 18 or 20 men killed. The troops remained some days at Pickaway after the battle; & returning to Chilicothe remained there a short time. We then marched back to the mouth of Licking & thence to Louisville where we were discharged at the latter end of Sept. 1780. But this affiant received no written discharge. That he served during the foregoing campaign the term of three months. That he then went back to Virginia, and again returned to Kentucky to Crab Orchard Lincoln County in the fall 1781. That in the spring of the year 1782 Col. Ben Logan [Benjamin Logan] the county Lieutenant made a call for spies & rangers. In pursuance of this call, this affiant with ten or twelve other men volunteered as a Spy & Ranger. That we commenced our duty as such in the begining of April 1782, & ranged the country from the head of Dick’s river [sic: Dix River], to the head waters of Paint Lick creek. That we had no regular Capt. but a certain Stephen English generally commanded us. We served as Spies & Rangers under the foregoing call two months & were discharged – but got no written discharge. In the early part of June 1782 a call was made for volunteers by said Gen Clark to go to Louisville & build a Fort [Ft Nelson]. About 150 men, this affiant being one of them, volunteered their services in virtue of said call & for the purpose afs’d. & marched from Lincoln County to Louisville and built a Fort. When we got to Louisville we were placed under the immediate command of said Gen Clark & his other officers. We were engaged two months & a week in this volunteer service before we were discharged. We were discharged at Louisville but affiant got no written discharge. Immediately after this affiant returned from Louisville to Crab Orchard, news arrived of the defeat by the Indians of the Kentuckians under the command of Trigg, Megary & Todd [Stephen Trigg, Hugh McGary, and John Todd, 19 Aug 1782] at the Lower Blue Licks. On the receipt of this news the said Col. Ben. Logan made a call for volunteers to go to the aid of our friends who had been defeated at Blue Licks. This affiant with about 220 other men volunteered & marched to their relief. We marched in the month of August 1782 & went to the Blue Licks, where we buried the dead. We marched under the immediate command afs’d. Col. Ben Logan. Capt. Absalom Mounts commanded the company to which this affiant was attached. We were engaged two weeks in this expedition & were discharged,

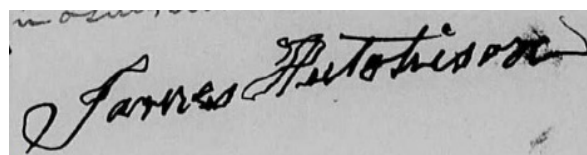
but affiant had no written discharge. Directly after our return from burying the dead Gen George Rogers Clark & Col. Ben Logan made another call for volunteers to march a second time against the Shawanees at Chilicothe & Pickaway on the big Miami. Several hundred volunteers & this affiant as one of them in virtue of said call rendezvoused at Bryan's station [near Lexington] towards the latter part of August 1782 under Col. Ben Logan. Capt. John Snoddy commanded the company to which this affiant was attached; & Wm Moore [William Moore] was our Lieutenant. We met Gen Clark at the mouth of Licking & crossed the Ohio river with about 1200 troops & marched thence ag't. Chilicothe & Pickaway on the big Miami. We arrived in sight of the town before we were discovered by the Indians [10 Nov]; & took a dozen or more women & children prisoners, & some scalps. We lost two or 3 of our own men. After destroying their town & other property we remained some days there. We then marched back to Licking, arriving at its mouth on the 4<sup>th</sup> [sic] Nov'r. 1782. this affiant was one of the volunteers who agreed that day, to meet at the same place 50 years from that time if living & able to get there. That the 50 years expired the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1832, but this affiant was unwilling to go because the Cholera was raging there & at Cincinnati opposite the mouth of Licking. The company to which he was attached were marched back to Crab Orchard, & he the residue of them were discharged there on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1782. He was engage as a volunteer on this campaign two months & a half. That he received no written discharge. That he has thus served his country as a volunteer at different times during the Revolutionary war the term of ten months & one week. that he has no documentary evidence of his service. That he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove any of his services afs'd. except a certain David Briggs [pension application W2994], who resides in Logan county about 70 miles from Paris & who can prove the services of this affiant in the two campaigns afs'd. ag't. the Shawanees at Chilicothe & Pickaway in the years 1780 & 1782. That finding it impracticable from the age of Briggs & the distance at which he lives from Paris, to procure his personal attendance in court, he has obtained & sends herewith and as a part of his statement the affidavit of said Briggs with the proper authentication. He can also prove his services in said campaign of 1782 ag't. the Indians at Chilicothe & Pickaway by James Hutchison & Thomas McClanahan [pension application W1052; his statement not found] whose affidavits are found below & accompany this statement. He states he is well known to Genls James Garrard, Zechariah Eastin, Col. Wm. Barton & Maj. John Edwards citizens of the neighborhood in which he now lives & has lived for a great many years & that they can testify as to his character for truth & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He also annexes as a part of this statement the affidavits of said Garrard, Eastin & Barton as to his character for truth & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written



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George Edwards

James Hutchison & [blank] this day made oath in open court that George Edwards whose statement is above written was one of the volunteers who marched in 1782 under Gen George Rogers Clark & Col Ben Logan ag't. the Indians at Chilicothe & Pickaway on the Big Miami & that he composed a part of the same army with said Edwards. Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above written.



James Hutchison

NOTES:

The file contains an affidavit by David Briggs describing the service with Edwards in words similar to those in Edwards's declaration. Thomas McClanahan's affidavit was not found.

On 3 Jan 1843 Elizabeth Edwards, 71, applied for a pension stating that she married George Edwards in Stafford County VA on 11 Sep 1788, and he died on 9 Aug 1835. She stated that a son, William Edwards, was born 20 Oct 1789. Her application was certified by Nathaniel Davis and John Edwards, neighbors. A Treasury-Department document states that the executors of George Edwards received his final pension payment up to 30 Aug 1835, which was presumably the date of his death in the record. On 23 Jan 1844 Elizabeth Edwards was said to be 73, and on 6 June 1848 she was said to be 77.