

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Evett R3408

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State of Missouri County of Randolph: SS

On this the 25th day of September 1845, personally appeared before me M. Horner one of the Judges of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid (he being unable, from bodily infirmity to attend Court) John Evett a resident of Randolph County, Missouri, aged 90 years on 25 November next, 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 7, 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

General Rutherford (given name not recollect) [Griffith Rutherford] Major James Smith, Captain Israel Cox. He was a private in the company of Captain Israel Cox of which Company Benjamin Davis was Lieutenant. The following captains, viz., Captain David Smith, Captain Lopp, & Captain Davis, belonged to the Command of these same General (Rutherford.) Does not recollect the year [1776] he entered the service, or exactly when he left; but knows he served a three months tour in the fall of that year, say in September, October &c After this service he was frequently in the service of the United States on "scouting parties" under Captain William Cole & Captain Peter Hedrick, alternately. At the time he first entered the service, on the three months tour under Captain Cox, he resided in Salisbury, Rowan County North Carolina, this service he entered as being drafted; marched through Mecklenburg, crossed at the head of the Catawba River through a section of Country called the Pleasant Garden. Says that he was born in Buckingham County Virginia as he believes on the 25th of November 1755. I have no written record of the date of my birth but recollect that my Father informed me that I was born in the year 1755 on the 25th of November, I lived in Rowan County North Carolina some years after the Revolutionary war how many, I do not recollect then moved to Madison County Kentucky then to Estill County, same State and resided there until the year 1831 since that year I have lived in Randolph County State of Missouri.

He hereby 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.

Witness

S/ John Evett, X his mark

S/ Terry Bradley

S/ Benjamin Skinner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ M. Horner, one of the Judges of the Randolph County Court

[James Grisham, a clergyman, and David Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

Prescribed by the War Department, and propounded to John Evett, an applicant for a Pension, by M. Horner one of the Judges of the Randolph County Court, State of Missouri, on the 25th day of September 1845.

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer: I was born in Buckingham County State of Virginia as I believe on the 25th of November 1755

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans: -- I have no written record of the date of my birth but recollect that my father informed me that I was born in the year 1755 on the 25th of November

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans: At the time of being called into service, I lived in Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina; and resided some years after the Revolutionary War in the same County how many years I do not recollect, then removed to Madison County Kentucky, then to Estill County same State and resided there until the year 1831. Since that year I have lived in Randolph County State of Missouri,

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Ans: I was called into Service by being drafted; and never served as a Substitute for any person whomsoever

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans: I do not now recollect any regular officers who were with the troops where I served, do not recollect any Continental Regiment, the officers under whom I served being Militia Officers, the number of Regiment -- he does not recollect, recollects that General Rutherford was commandant, Major James Smith, Israel Cox Captain, David Smith Captain and Colonel Dobbins; the expedition in which I served was against the Cherokee nation of Indians afterwards acted with scouting parties in the service of the United States

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a written discharge

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Ans: Benjamin Skinner, Clarke Skinner, David Turner, James Grisham, Terry Bradley, Gideon Wright, Captain William Goggin, Nathan Hunt, Philip Baxter & Richard Baxter,

State of Missouri County of Randolph

On this 26th day of January 1846 personally appeared before me, one of the Judges of the County Court of Randolph County (he being unable from bodily infirmity to attend in open Court) John Evett, aged 90 years, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration (he having on another occasion made a previous one) in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States on or about the first day of August 1776, & left said service on or about the first day of November 1776 -- having served a three months tour, & under the following company & field officers; viz. General Rutherford, Major James Smith, Captain Israel Cox, Lieutenant Benjamin Davis, Ensign Richard Quick, Colonel not now distinctly recollected.

Applicant further states that the reason why he has not made application for a Pension at an earlier day, is, that previous to his removal from Kentucky to this State he understood, for some time, that pensions were only granted to those who had been wounded in the service; and after removal to this State, some 14 years since, he applied to counsel & was informed his case did not come within the provisions made by Congress, & he therefore remained ignorant of his rights until some time within the year 1845.

Witness: S/ Thos. J. Samuel

S/ Thos. Gambrel

S/ John Evett, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ M. Horner