

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Edwards R3260 VA
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[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of Illinois } SS

Union County }

On this day the [blank] of October 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Hon Thos. C. Brown Judge of the third Judicial Circuit in and for the state aforesaid Joseph Edwards a resident of said county and state aged 75 years Seventy five years. Who being duly Sworn according to law upon his oath doth make the following Declaration in order to Obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 and served in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers Col. A Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen] Capt Lucas Lieut John Stewart Ensign Wm Burns [William Burns] That he Enlisted in Williamsburg Virginia and marched from thence to Alexandria and through the State of Maryland and joined the Army near or in the neighborhood of the Delaware River. Commanded by Gen. George Washington in the Month of Dec'm a short time to the Taking the Hessians at Trenton [26 Dec 1776] he being in the Division Commanded by Washing in person and again in a few days after he was at the Battle of Princeton [3 Jan 1777] and likewise at the Battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] all of which engagements he participated in. And at the last mentioned Battle (viz) at Germantown he says his Col (A Stevens) [Adam Stephen, promoted to Major General on 19 Feb 1777] was removed from command in consequ[ence] of Intoxication in the time of the Engagement After that Col. Dark [see endnote] filled his place. At the time of of the Army being quartered at Morristown [winter 1779-80] he was taken with the Small pox But recovered in a short time when compared with some of the valetudinarians he says the phisicians name was Timbroke or Timbrook that attended on him during his sickness That he remained under the same officers and in the same division of the Army until the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] but was not in the battle by reason of sickness he quartered with the army at Valey Forge [sic: Valley Forge, winter 1777-78] and he remained with the Army untill the fall of 1779 when he was marched together with his company to Williamsburg in Virginia where the company under Lucas was made up heres he say the company was recruited but he received his dischard having served three years and went home After this he never joined the Army under a regular enlistment again That he was born in Prince Edward County Virginia October 3th 1759 he says he recollects well of seeing Antony Wayne and Gen Layfayette [sic: Anthony Wayne and Lafayette] but he knows of no one except Robert Fryat [Robert Friatt, pension application S32558] whose deposition is herewith transmitted by whom he can prove his services in the Revolutionay war. That after he was discharged he remained for some time in Virginia then moved to Tennessee and Illinois where he now resides He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Joseph hisXmark Edwards

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Prince Edward County Virginia Oct 5th 1759.

2nd Have you any Record of your age if you have where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, it is lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans. When I entered the lived in Prince Edward County Virginia and since the Revolution I have lived in the State of Virginia Tennessee and in the State of Illinois my present Residence

4 How were you called into service were you drafted, did you inlist, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. I enlisted for 3 years.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Ans. I knew, personally Gen Anthony Wayne, Gen. [name obliterated], Gen. Washington, Cols. Fibiger [sic: Christian Febiger], Meiggs [sic: Return Jonathan Meigs of Connecticut] I was in the battle of Trenton, and assisted in taking the Hessians across the Delaware also at the battle of Princeton immediately after, also at the battle of Germantown at the battle of Monmouth I was too unwell to be on duty.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from service If you did by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I did receive a discharge from my Captain Edward Lucas, but was lost when my Mother died I being absent.

7th State the names to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans. Robert Fryatt, who has known me from my infancy John Whiteaker, with whom I have been acquainted for 15 years. All of my acquaintance can testify as to my veracity.

NOTES:

“Col. Dark” is evidently a reference to Col. William Darke, but he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Germantown.

Robert Friatt testified that he had known Edwards 16 to 20 years but did not know of his service. Edwards’s claim was rejected for lack of sufficient proof.