

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Israel Eastwood S31660

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State of Georgia, Fayette County

On this 31st day of March 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before Edward P. Nixon, Samuel Swanson, John Pace & Finlay G. Stewart Justices of the Inferior Court of Fayette County, now sitting, Isreal [sic] Eastwood a resident of the County of Fayette in the State of Georgia aged Seventy Six years, 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.

Under the command of Captain Thomas Morris in a Company of Artillery, of which John Dowlar (he pronounced the name like Dollar) became second Lieutenant, and with whom he enlisted in the County of Burke, State of Georgia in the year 1776 and in the month of August of that year and which Company he presumes was raised under authority of the United States, as the mode of raising men was by enlistment, and was marched to Sunbury, Georgia, where he was stationed under the Command of Colonel or Major White where he served the full term of his enlistment one year, three months of the time as a Sergeant of his Company, the remainder as a private, and that he was engaged in no Civil pursuit during that time, was discharged by Captain Morris.

Under the command of Captain Joshua Inman and Shadrach Inman as Lieutenant, in the spring of the year 1778, (he thinks in the month of March) in the County of Burke & State of Georgia, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McMurphy, & which was Commanded by General Screven [James Screven] in conjunction with Governor Hinston [John Houston] a part of the time, as a volunteer and private, which Company was raised & called into service under authority of the State of Georgia, and was marched to Midway Meeting House thence to Reed's bluff on the Altamaha River below Fort Barrington, thence to the St. Mary's River to attack some British, Indians, & Tories under the command of a Tory, Colonel Brown [Thomas "Burnt-foot" Brown], who upon our approach fell back to a place called Alligator Bridge,¹ where it was said he was joined by some British troops and at which place we overtook him & had a fight – we then returned to the Main body of our Army on the St. Mary's [River] where we were joined by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] from South Carolina, and after having a very severe spell of sickness he was discharged by Governor Houston having been in the Service previous to being discharged not less than Four months, and was engaged in no Civil pursuit whatever during that time.

And under the Command of Captain John Fann of Burke County Georgia, it being a Company of minute men called into service under authority of the State of Georgia, as a Substitute & volunteer & private at Fort Morgan on the Ogeechee River, against the Indians he served two tours of six weeks each, the first of these tours as a volunteer, the second as a substitute, immediately in succession, and

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/alligator.htm>

shortly after his return from the St. Mary's expedition in 1778, making both together three months, and that he was engaged in no Civil pursuit whatever during said Terms.

Immediately after his return from Fort Morgan he was taken by a Company of Tories commanded by a Captain Sharp, but before they got him to the British he effected his escape & fled to South Carolina, where he joined a Company of "Georgia Refugees" commanded by Captain Joshua Inman & Shadrach Inman as first Lieutenant, who like Colonel Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] of Georgia, Generals Sumter [Thomas Sumter] & Marion [Francis Marion] of South Carolina, had devoted himself and his band to the cause of his Country – Commissioned and acting under authority of the State of Georgia at Crackers Creek [?] on the Carolina side of the Savannah River (he thinks it was in the month of January) in the year 1779. Captain Inman declared to those present his determination to serve his Country (in his own words "as long as he could raise an arm" & called upon those who were willing to follow him to volunteer, but that "no man would be required to render an unwilling service, and might leave whenever he wished to do so, unless the nature of the service in which we were engaged rendered it improper to permit him to do so, but that as soon as the emergency was passed he would be permitted to depart." These are he thinks precisely the terms upon which he and the rest of Captain Inman's men volunteered, and his father having been Compelled by the Tories to leave his home with his family and seek for them elsewhere that safety which the forces of the United States could not at that time afford them, he did volunteer as a private in Captain Inman's Company, and being mounted was marched to Savannah & placed under the Command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], who directed us to "scour" the Country to disperse the Tories & protect the Whigs – that he was in several skirmishes with parties of Tories & British, & was at the Siege of Savannah under the Command of General Lincoln, that he continued in the service of the United States under the Command of Captain Inman as aforesaid, (no particular term of service having been specified, and having it at his option to leave the service whenever he chose with the exception above mentioned) during the years 1779, 1780, and 1781 and was discharged by Captain Inman in the month of January (and thinks it was about the middle of the month) in the year 1782 (instead of 1783) having been in the service as aforesaid not less than three years, and during which time he was engaged in no Civil pursuit whatever.

Immediately after his "Refugee Service" & after spending a few days at his father's then in Barnwell district State of South Carolina, he went to his uncle's in Granville County State of North Carolina, where soon after his arrival in a Company about to march to Charleston in South Carolina, under the Command of Captain Barnett Pullam & Lieutenant Tatum and Ensign Washington, he substituted in place of a private of said Company by the name of Fowler, in the year 1782 in the latter part of the month of February or first of March of that year, and was marched to Charleston where he served in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Little [Archibald Lytle], and was marched thence to Camden where he secured his discharge from the Major of the Regiment (whose name he has forgotten) having been in the service not less than three months and engaged in no Civil pursuit whatever during that time.

From Camden he returned again to his uncle's in North Carolina, and immediately after, married, in Orange County, in that State, when in August of the same year 1782, he was drafted, and under the Command of Captain William Riley was marched to Hillsboro the County Town of Orange County, State of North Carolina, and was thus detached by Captain Riley to drive a wagon & was sent to Colonel Robert Burton's in Granville County, to haul provisions for the use of the Army, and under the orders of Col. Burton (who he thinks at that time was Commissary, he is not however perfectly clear as to Col. Burton's grade or office at that time) he was sent in Company with five other wagons to Petersburg in Virginia for Arms which we hauled & delivered to Colonel Burton & was discharged by Colonel Burton having served Three months.

That he now has no documentary evidence having lost all his discharges – that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – that since the Revolution &

immediately thereafter for three or four years he resided in Orange County, State of North Carolina – then in Burke County, State of Georgia – then in Laurens district, State of South Carolina – then in Walton County State of Georgia in the order here stated, and in Fayette County, Georgia, where he now resides. That he was born in Orange County State of North Carolina, on the 9th day of May 1757, that his age was recorded in his father's Bible which he presumes is yet in existence. The Reverend Thomas H. Cliett [?] and Wyatt Heflin can testify to his character for veracity, and the belief of his neighborhood and their own opinion of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isreal Eastwood [sic], F his mark

To the first Interrogatory he answers

In Orange County State of North Carolina, on the 9th day of May 1757.

To the second he answers

His age was recorded in his father's Bible, does not know whether it is in existence or not, but presumes, it may still be in possession of his descendents of his father's family.

To the third, he answers

In Burke County, State of Georgia, and Granville & Orange Counties, State of North Carolina. He has lived since the Revolutionary war in Orange County State of North Carolina, in Burke County, Georgia, Laurens district, South Carolina, and Walton County Georgia and now in Fayette County, Georgia.

To the fourth he answers

Once enlisted – 3 times I volunteered – twice a substitute – and once drafted.

To the fifth, he answers

That he must refer to the body of his declaration which contains the answer at length to this interrogatory.

To the sixth, he answers

He did by Governor Houston, Captain Thomas Morris, Captain John Fann, twice at Fort Morgan, Captain Joshua Inman, Major of Colonel Lytle's Regiment, Colonel Burton, each of which discharges have been lost or destroyed

to the seventh, he answers

The Rev'd Thomas H. Cliett and Wyatt Heflin

[Thomas H. Cliett, a clergyman, and Wyatt Heflin, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia.]