

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sampson Evans S8440  
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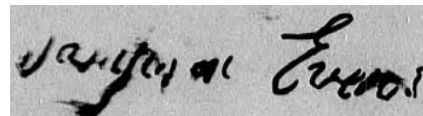
Campbell County to wit

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Alexander Austin, Thos. Rudd, Parish Clark[?] & Jas. C. McReynolds the County Court of Campbell now sitting, Sampson Evans a resident of the said County, and State aged seventy nine 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit: That he first entered the service as a Serjeant in the militia of Pennsylvania being regularly drafted in the month of September, a few days after the Battle of Brandywine was fought [11 Sep 1777], the precise day and year he does not now remember At the time he so entered the service he resided in Chester County, and State of Pennsylvania, and then entered the service as before stated. Colo. William Evans commanded the Regiment, and Thomas Wilson was the Captain, Jacob Watkins the lieutenant, and John Hands the Ensign of the Company in which he so entered the services. That he served a tour of three months from the time he so entered the service, during which he was marched in various directions in the State of Pennsylvania. That shortly after he was discharged from the tour of duty first mentioned, he removed from the State of Pennsylvania to Bedford County in the State of Virginia, where he again entered the service of the United States as a Private in the militia of Virginia in a Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch, and in a company in which Thomas Helm was Captain. James Dinwiddie was Lieutenant, and Andrew Field was Ensign. That the militia upon this occasion assembled, and were embodied at Long Island in Staunton River, and from thence were marched to North Carolina where they were engaged in the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781], in which battle the said Capt. Helm was killed within a few yards of this declarant. From the time the declarant entered the service as last mentioned he continued in service two months – but he does not now remember either the day month, or year when this last tour or duty commenced or terminated. That he again (being regularly drafted) entered the service as a Serjeant in the militia of Virginia in a Regiment commanded by a Colo. [Edmund] Booker and in a company commanded by Capt David Beard. That the militia upon this Occasion marched from the County of Bedford where they rendezvouzed about the month of July or August 1781 to York Town which was then besieged by the American Army [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], & when the British Army shortly after surrendered. Upon this occasion the declarant served two months at least, and thinks a little more. That he has no documentary evidence in relation to his said services. That he obtained a regular discharge at York Town which has been destroyed – but he has no recollection of ever having received any other written discharge tho' he served in all the tours before mentioned as long as he was required to serve.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day, and year aforesaid.



Questions propounded to Sampson Evans with his answers thereto. Nov. 12 1832.

1. Question. Where and in what year were you born?  
Answer. I was born in the year 1752 in the County of Chester, and State of Pennsylvania.
2. Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer. There is a register of it in a family Bible belonging to a nephew of mine who lives in this County.

3. Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. The first time I was called into service I was living in Chester County in the State of Pennsylvania; when afterwards called into service I resided in the County of Bedford (now Campbell) in the State of Virginia where I have ever since resided, and still reside.

4. Question. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted each time when I went into service.

5<sup>th</sup>. Question. 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?

Answer. The first time I was called into service I served in a Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia commanded by Colo. William Evans, and in a Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Wilson. That on this occasion I served a tour of three months during which I was marched in various directions in the State of Pennsylvania. When next called into service I served in a Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by Colo. Charles Lynch and in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Helm. On this occasion I was marched to the State of North Carolina where I was engaged in the Battle of Guilford. And when I was last called into service I served in a Regiment of Virginia Militia commanded by a Capt. [sic] Booker and in a Company commanded by Capt. David Beard. Upon this occasion I was marched to York Town in Virginia then beseiged by the American Army, & which shortly after capitulated.

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

Answer. I have no recollection of ever having received but one written discharge, that was given by Colo. Booker; but it is lost, or mislaid.

7. Question. State the names of persons 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?

Answer. I will refer the Court to Thomas Harvey [pension application S5474], and Henry Brown [W9365].

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the executor of Sampson Evans, deceased, received his final pension payment up to 4 March 1842.