

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Edwards W20162

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

On this 20th day of May 1845 – Personally appeared in open Court Thomas Edwards a resident of the County of Wake and State of North Carolina and maketh the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits made by the provision of the Act of Congress passed on the 4th day of July 1836 and first being duly sworn according to law doth declare on his oath that he is sixty-eight years old and that he is the son of Jane Edwards who was the widow of Captain Charles Edwards who was a Captain in the war of the Revolution and that his said Father Captain Charles Edwards served as a Captain of a company of Militia in the State of North Carolina for the space of two years as he has been told by his said Mother Jane Edwards and that his said Father and Mother was married in the County of Franklin in said State in the year 1775, as he has heard his Mother say and that his said Father Captain James Edwards died about the year 1784 soon after the close of the war of the Revolution and was about the age of 31 or two years old when he died, and that his said widow Jane Edwards whose maiden name was Jane Low again married to one Newman Jackson in the year 1788 or about that time and that the said Newman Jackson died on the ninth day of April 1821 and that she his said Mother remained a widow from that time to the day of her death which occurred on the fourth day of April 1839, and was at the time of her death Eighty-three years old and that he himself is the only child that survived his said Mother by her first husband Captain Charles Edwards and that his Mother had several children by her last husband Newman Jackson – and he supposes the reason his said Mother never applied for a pension was that she did not know that she was entitled as he never heard her speak of making an application for one and that when he learned that there was provision made for the children of Revolutionary soldiers which was about two years ago he was so informed by one Thomas Langster he then made a declaration which was carried off by said Langster and he has not heard from him since and that he has again made application for what was due his Mother for his said Father's services up to the time of her death and that he now relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid before me.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Thos Edwards



S/ James T. Marriott, C. C.

[p 21-22 & 42 certificate of the North Carolina Comptroller regarding payments made to Charles Edwards for military services during the revolutionary war. The Comptroller adds: "I further certify

¹ former widow

that Charles Edwards appears as a Capt. of Militia in a return made by Col. A. Ramsay, on file in this office." In another certificate, the Comptroller states "that Charles Edwards' name appears on a return of the Militia officers in Chatham County (as Capt.) which return was made to his Excellency the Gov. by Col. Ambrose Ramsey in 1777 which return is to be found on file No. 9."

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

This day personally appeared before me Jeremiah Morris one of the acting justices of the peace for the County of Wake Aaron Roberts² a resident of the County above named and being first duly Sworn according to law Depoeth and saith that he is Ninety years old that he is a pensioner of the United States that he was well acquainted with Captain Charles Edwards the Father of Thomas Edwards who is now about to make application for a pension for his mother's dues up to the time of her death. Question do you know anything of the said Captain Charles Edwards' – Service in the Revolutionary war. Answer: I did know him in the war I was myself under Captain Martin Lane on a march to South Carolina and before we got to Hillsborough Captain Lane's Company and Captain Charles Edwards' Company were joined together and marched together to South Carolina and both Edwards & Lane's [sic] Companies were in the battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] sometime after that battle I was discharged and went home some time after I had returned home I entered the service again and was marched to Salisbury when I arrived at Salisbury I found the said Captain Charles Edwards there still in command of a company of militia as before I served out that tour where saw him almost every day and was discharged again he and left said Captain Edwards in command. Question do you know how long said Captain Edwards served in the war Answer I cannot tell how long he served I lived a neighbor to said Edwards and knew him when the war commenced I know he was out a while before I was and know that from the time we joined this side of Hillsborough to the time I left him at Salisbury was not less than twelve months I think it was longer than twelve months and I always understood from him and others that he served as Captain from time he entered until peace was made. Question do you know anything of the Marriage of said Edwards Answer not of my own personal knowledge I know that they lived together as man and wife before he entered the service and I never heard their marriage doubted at any time and I know that the Thomas Edwards who makes this application was at that time a child and further this witness saith not.

Sworn and subscribed to the 17th day of May 1845 before me.

S/ Jeremiah Morris, JP

S/ Aron Roberts, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Wake County

A this day personally appeared before me John Hayes one of the acting Justices of the peace [spelled piece] for said County James Brown³ a resident of said County and State aforesaid being first duly sworn according to law Depoeth and saith that he is ninety years old and that he is now a pensioner of the United States and that he was well acquainted with Charles Edwards and his family the father of Thomas Edwards who is now about to make application for a pension for his father's services, Question do you know anything of said Charles Edwards as serving in the war of the revolution, as a soldier, Answer I always understood that he was a Captain in the war of the Revolution, I never served with him myself, we lived within 1 ½ miles of each other and at one time soon after Gates defeat, I was at home and saw some people bring him the said Charles Edwards home from the Army sick with the smallpox I belonged to the regular Army and he the said Charles Edwards as I then

² [Aaron Roberts S7430](#)

³ [James Brown S6702](#)

understood served in the militia as a Captain, Question, do you know anything of the marriage of the said Charles Edwards, Answer, they were married before they came to the neighborhood where I lived and they came to that neighborhood just about the commencement of the war of the Revolution war at least they lived together as man and wife and I never heard their marriage doubted at any time.

November 1, 1849

Sworn to and subscribed

Test: S/ John Hayes, JP

S/ James Brown, C his mark

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State of North Carolina Wake County

On this 26th day of August 1845 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Wake Hardy Stevens resident of the County and State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he is Seventy eight years old that he was well acquainted with Capt. Charles Edwards the Father of Thomas Edwards who is now making application for a pension that he knew the said Capt. C. Edwards in the Revolutionary war. Question when and where did you see him. Answer. I saw him towards the latter part of the war in Wake County near my Father's house commanding a company of Militia on a march towards the South I think it was in the year 1781 I Recollect that my Father was drafted to go under Capt. C. Edwards but he hired one Thomas Beany as a Substitute in his place and did not go himself but Thomas Beany did serve under the said Capt. Charles Edwards. Question do you know how long Capt. Edwards served. Answer. I cannot tell how long he did serve but I recollect that sometime after that another draft took place and one Capt. Trent was appointed Capt. over that draft, but from some cause I cannot tell what he Trent did not go and the same Capt. Charles Edwards did also command that Company. Question can you tell how long these towers [tours] were. Answer. I cannot tell precisely how long they were, but I feel satisfied that they did not fall short of 3 months each they might have been longer than 3 months for I recollect that there were drafts longer than 3 months. Question do you know anything about the Marriage of the of said Charles Edwards. Answer. All that I know about their marriage is that at the time he was acting as Capt. in the war they lived together as man and wife and Thomas Edwards who is now applying for a pension was a boy that could run about and that I never heard anyone doubt they are being married and further this deponent saith not. Sworn and subscribed to the day and year above written before me

S/ A. G. Drake, JP

S/ Hardy Stevens



[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$200 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending April 4, 1839 when she died. The amount of her pension had been increased from an initial amount of \$133.33.]