

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Eakin W3530

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State of Tennessee, Bedford County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Now sitting; May Term 1833

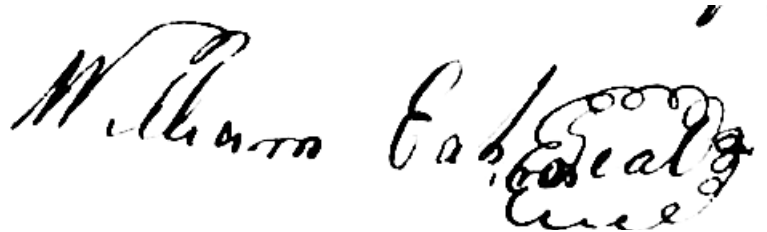
On this 7th day of May 1833; Personally appeared in open Court William Eakin a resident of Bedford County aforesaid, aged 67 years and seven months; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. --

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated (To wit) That he entered the Service of the United States in York District South Carolina on 16 November 1780 as a volunteer and private Soldier in a Company of volunteers commanded by Captain Joseph Hawe [sic, Joseph Howell] and Lieutenant Benjamin Rawan [sic, Benjamin Rowan] who were under the command of Colonel James Hathorn [sic, James Hawthorn), and was marched to Brandon's Mill upon Fairforest River in Union District South Carolina where he was kept for some time, Applicant Says he was then marched to Ninety Six where he was kept for six or seven weeks, and from there he was marched To the Fishdam Ford on Broad River Fairfield District, where he remained some time, and from there to Wynsborough [sic, Winnsborough] where he says he was Stationed upwards of two months -- and from that place he was marched to Lands-Ford on the Catawba River, and from there to what was then called the old Nation-Ford where he says the volunteers under Colonel Hawthorn were Encamped for some time and from there he was marched to the mouth of Packolet [sic, Pacolet] River where it intersects Broad River, and from that to Biggenes [Biggin's] ferry on the Catawba where he remained in service until the latter part of May or first of June 1781 -- when he says he was discharged in writing Signed by Colonel Hawthorn for a tour of six months for which he claims a pension, Deponent states that he has long since lost his discharge not knowing it would ever be of Service to him he took very little Care of it -- Applicant States he was born in York District State of South Carolina on the 8th day of October in the year 1765 agreeable to his Father's family record; and that he has a copy of the Same in his possession at this time -- He further Says that there was not, any Regular troops with the Army where he Served, and that he was not acquainted with any Regular officer, or the name or number of any Regiments Except the Regiment he belonged to, which was called Colonel Hawthorn's Regiment of Volunteer mounted Gunmen -- and that he understood that the troops under Colonel Hawthorn was ordered into Service by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- This applicant Says that he was a citizen and resident in York District South Carolina when he entered the Service and continued to be a Citizen of said District until the year 1810 when he removed to the State of Illinois and in 1812 he removed to Bedford County Tennessee where he has lived ever since, and where he now lives, Deponent States that the foregoing Declaration contains the most correct History of the

general circumstances of his Service that he is unable at this Stage of his life to give -- And that he has no documentary evidence whatever, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his Service, -- This applicant -- hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States. -- He further Says that he is known to the Rev. Richard W. Morris, Allen Perry Esquire and Edward Whitworth in his present Neighborhood -- Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid;

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ William Eakin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Eakin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Richard W. Morris, a clergyman, Allen Perry and Edward Whitworth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[On March 8, 1854 in Shelby County, Texas, Elizabeth Eakin, 80, a resident of Shelby County filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of William Eakin, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died on July 11, 1840, in San Augustine County, Texas; that she married him February 5, 1793 or 1794 in New York District South Carolina]

[Elizabeth Eakin made reference to her oldest son, James Eakin, having been born in the year 1797 or 1798; that James is still alive and resides in Cherokee County Texas; this affidavit is also dated March 8, 1854 in given in Shelby County Texas.]

[On March 8, 1854, Benjamin Harkness and wife Ann Harkness, Richard Hooper, 71, gave affidavits in Shelby County, Texas, in support of the claim of Elizabeth Eakin. Veteran's widow was pensioned for a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]