

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Fletcher Edwards R9250 Mary Scaggs fn16SC
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State of Missouri Miller County

On this eleventh day of April 1845 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the County Court of said County, Mary Scaggs a resident of said County and State aged 86 years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836 and of the 3rd of March 1837, Granting pensions to certain widows.

That [she] was married to Fletcher Edwards for whose services she claims a pension between the 10th and 15th of February 1776 in the district of Camden in the State of South Carolina by publication. That she has no family record her house and Record having been burned many years ago -- That her said husband Fletcher Edwards was a private in the service of South Carolina during the war of the Revolution and served for more than three years and most if not all the time under Captain Frost, Major Moses Bond and Colonel David Hopkins. That he entered said service about two years after she was married to him in the same district (Camden) in which they were married and where they lived at the time of his entering said service. That she thinks her said husband was a private that he might have been a non-commissioned officer for a portion of said time, her said husband was in an engagement at Blackstocks Mills and at Fish Dam Ford on Broad River commonly called Sumter's Defeat.¹ That her husband the aforesaid Fletcher Edwards died in the district of Camden on the tenth day of August in the year 1781 and that she was married to Richard Marnell [?] on the __ day of January 1782 and he the said Richard Marnell was also a Soldier in the same service and was killed by the Indians in the year 17 89 in the month of August. That the first and second marriages were performed by the same man a Mister Jenkins. That she was again married to Jacob Scaggs on the __ day of __ and that he the said Jacob Scaggs died on the __ day of 1830. She further declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Jacob Scaggs.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the day and year first above written before me

S/ David Reed, Judge

S/ Mary Scaggs, X her mark

[On August 14, 1854, in Miller County Missouri, Eleanor Glass filed a bounty land claim stating that she was the daughter of Mary Scaggs, widow of Fletcher Edwards; she says she doesn't know the names of the officers under whom her father served; she claims the bounty land to which her mother was entitled under the Act of September 28, 1850.]

[Mastin Scaggs filed an affidavit in Miller County in support of his mother's claim; his affidavit is dated April 11, 1845. His age is not stated.]

¹ Sumter's Defeat is one name given to an action on August 18, 1780, which occurred on Fishing Creek [not Fishdam Ford as alleged by the applicant]. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishingcreek.htm>. Fishdam ford is described at <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fishdamford.htm>.