

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of John Evans S2200

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 26th day of October 1835 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting John Evans a resident of said County, aged about 72 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 provision made by act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

I was born in what is now called Stokes County North Carolina on the 18th day of November 1763, according to a record of my age now in my possession -- I continued to live in the same County at the time I entered the service -- in the month of November 1780 I became a substitute in the place of Alexander Bolls in a company of militia under command of Captain Wooldridge & Lieutenant David Hedgpeth-- immediately after the Company was organized, we were ordered to the old Moravian town to assist in guarding the prisoners who had been taken at the battle of King's Mountain -- we remained there guarding them for six or eight weeks (the time not now recollected) -- after the prisoners were removed thence, we were ordered to go home and hold ourselves in readiness to rendezvous at the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River in about two weeks -- we rendezvoused accordingly & after remaining there upwards of a week our Captain received orders to discharge us, as our time was so nearly expired that it would be unnecessary to join the Army as it was at first intended -- we were accordingly discharged -- I was in service at least two months in this tour --

About the first of January 1781 I volunteered in Company of Rangers which was raised to march through and range the County -- the Company was commanded by Captain Minor Smith & volunteered for 12 months -- we had always to hold ourselves in readiness to go at a minutes warning. -- we would sometimes be out in service, three, four or six weeks at a time and then would remain at home for a while -- we were principally engaged in Scouring the Country. - - in protecting the citizens from the Tories and in apprehending deserters The time that I was in actual service as a Ranger during this term, I think would amount to at least six months -- I never received a written discharge -- I continued to live in the same County in North Carolina until about five years since, when I moved to Washington County Virginia, and lived there until November 1832, when I moved to this County, where I now live -- I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any person by whom was I can prove my service -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State -- Having so recently moved to this County, I do not know any clergyman to whom I can refer for my character &c, nor any person to whom I can refer for my reputation in the neighborhood where I now live, as a soldier of the revolution, but refer for my character for veracity &c to Thomas Clarke Esquire, John Clarke, John Davis, Jesse Davis, who were all well acquainted with me in North Carolina and now reside in this County.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ F. L. Kincannon, Clk

S/ John Evans

By his Deputy S/ C. Boyles

[Thomas Clarke, John Clarke, John Davis & Jesse Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]