

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Evans S3341

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[Transcriber's note: this is a very challenging application to decipher. Please call errors to the attention of the transcriber.]

State of Tennessee, Rhea County: Circuit Court September Term 1832

On the 24th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court for Rhea County and State of Tennessee being a court of Record now sitting Andrew Evans a resident of Rhea County in the State of Tennessee aged 69 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 Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

First

That he entered the service of the United States as a Substitute in the place of Samuel Evans his Father who was drafted in Washington County in the State of Virginia about the last of April or first of May in the year 1779; his officers were Lieutenant Benjamin Cooper and Captain Duncan, his first name not recollected but thinks it was John. They were called out to guard the frontiers against the [illegible word] of the Shawnees; rendezvoused in Abington; marched to Moore's Station in Cassel Woods and then to Glade Hollow Duncan's Station remained there for some time and was dismissed by his Captain after having been in service about six weeks. He got no discharge.

Second

The next tour he was drafted in a horse company in Washington County Virginia; his officers were Lieutenant Robert Campbell Captain [illegible name] and Colonel Arthur Campbell. The object of this draft was to suppress the Tories; rendezvoused at Abington; consisting of about three hundred men; marched into Wilkes County North Carolina; crossed the Stone Mountain at the Deep Gap and New River at the three forks and from thence to Wilkes Court House and from there returned home and was dismissed by his Colonel without a discharge after having been in service four weeks.

Third

Sometime about the last of July or first of August 1780 he volunteered in a horse company in Washington County Virginia under Ensign James Vance Lieutenant John Bradley and Captain Andrew Colville to go against the Tories in the Mulberry Hollows; marched there, remained sometime and returned home and was dismissed by his Captain after having been in service three weeks but got no discharge.

Fourth

Sometime he thinks in September 1780 he entered the service of the United States in a horse company as a Substitute in the place of Joseph Evans his Brother who was drafted in Washington County Virginia; he has officers were Lieutenant Robert Campbell, Captain Andrew Colville and

Lieutenant Col. William Campbell. The object of the tour was to repulse Major Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson]; rendezvoused at Abington; marched for North Carolina; crossed Toe and Doe rivers over the Yellow Mountain; passed the old Store in North Carolina; crossed the Shallow Ford of Broad River and on to Kings Mountain where we came up with Ferguson and captured his whole Army [October 7, 1780]. The American troops consisted of a thousand horsemen, five hundred foot having been left behind; the thousand were commanded by Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier], Williams [James Williams] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]. Campbell was appointed to the principal command by the other four. Colonels Shelby, Sevier and Williams regiments were in the center; Campbell's Regiment on the right and Cleveland's on the left; all dismounted and left their horses at the foot of the mountain. The right wing of Campbell's Regiment marched along the road into the gap of the mountain and then turned to the left up the end of the mountain; his left wing in which declarant was marched accordingly up the mountain and commenced the attack before Campbell's right came up and having to support them after firing a few rounds retreated back about 150 yards; halted, turned and charged the enemy again. About this time Campbell's right came up. After fighting about two hours the enemy surrendered. Declarant recollects seeing Ferguson together with some other British officer rush upon the American line and was shot down. He also recollects seeing Campbell at the head of his right wing on foot encouraging his men and bravely contending with the enemy and also saw him receive a sword from the British officer. The next day after the battle they marched with the prisoners to Walker's old fields and there divided the split amongst the regiments and from there marched to Burke Court House where they were relieved by the North Carolina militia. Said declarant was dismissed by his Captain without any discharge after having been in service six weeks.

Fifthly

He thinks about the first of March 1781 he volunteered in a horse company in Washington County Virginia for he thinks a three months tour for the purpose of joining General Greene [Nathanael Greene]; his officers were Ensign James Vance, Captain Joseph Black and Colonel William Campbell. This consisted of about 300 men; crossed New River at Chissel's [Fort Chiswell] led round the Blue Ridge at the flour gap [Flower Gap]; marched to Bethabara one of the Moravian towns where declarant was ordered by his officer Campbell to remain and take care of one of the men who was accidentally wounded there. They then marched on to Whitsells mills [sic, Wetzel's Mills, March 6, 1781] where they were unexpectedly met by Cornwallis and defeated. The troop was entirely dispersed. Declarant remained at Bethabara taking care of the wounded man six weeks and sometime afterwards returned home by consent but got no discharge.

Sixthly

About the first of August 1781 he volunteered in Washington County Virginia for the purpose of rescuing prisoners taken by the Indians on Little Moccasin. His officers were Ensign Robert Campbell, Lieutenant Robert Trumble, Captain John Kincaid. He was in service one week; dismissed by his Captain without a discharge.

Seventhly

Sometime in the fall of 1781 he volunteered in a horse company in Washington County Virginia for the purpose of suppressing the Tories on Roan's Creek. His officer was Lieutenant Robert Campbell. He marched to Roan's Creek, remained there two weeks, was dismissed by his officer without a discharge.

Eighthly

Sometime in either November or December he thinks in the year 1782 he volunteered in Washington County Virginia for three months for the purpose of marching to Kentucky against the Indians but owing to some cause unknown to declarant was ordered to the head of Clinch River to guard the frontier settlements against the incursions of the Indians there. His officers were Ensign James Snodgrass, Lieutenant John McCullah [McCullough?], Captain Robert Campbell. He was

stationed at Gibson's [could be Gilmore's] station New Garden. He was dismissed by his Captain without a discharge.

Declarant states that he was acquainted with the above named officers but was not acquainted with any regular officers never having served with any of the regular Army. Declarant also states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services except George Kincannon who served with him in the Kings Mountain campaign.

Declarant was born 1763 in the first day of April in Frederick County Virginia and from there removed to Washington County Virginia sometime before the revolutionary war and remained there until sometime after and then removed to Knox County Tennessee from there to Grainger County in the same state from there to Sevier Tennessee and from thence to Rhea County in the state of Tennessee where he now lives.

Declarant has no record of his age but has seen one in the possession of his Father.

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.

S/ Andw Evans



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I George Kincanon a resident of McMinn County do certify that I was well acquainted with Andrew Evans who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration in the time of the revolutionary war and was with him in the Kings Mountain campaign and know that he was in that campaign as he states and no from information received not long afterwards that he was out other campaigns.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Kincanon¹



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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for Rhea County and State of Tennessee Andrew Evans who being 1st duly sworn deposeth and sayeth (by way of amendment to the above declaration) that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted nor does he know of any clergyman sufficiently acquainted with him to make the necessary certificate prescribed by the war department. Declarant also states that he has no documentary evidence nor knows of any person by whom he can prove his services except George Kincannon to whom he referred in his 1st declaration above & and whose certificate is annexed above. Declarant refers to Daniel Walker Esq. and Col. Andrew Kincannon who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services whose certificate is annexed to the above declaration. He also states that he is the identical Andrew Evans who made the declaration to which this is an amendment.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me April 29th, 1833

S/ Peach Taylor, JP

S/ Andw Evans

¹ I could find no application in the federal pension records by a man of this or any similar name. This may be the only evidence of his service at the battle of Kings mountain

[Daniel Walker & A. Kincannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private of cavalry for 9 months and 26 days in the Virginia militia.]