

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Evan Edwards W10943 Catherine Edwards PA
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State of South Carolina }
City of Charleston } [20 Jan 1827]

I Charles Lee Edwards heir at law of Major Evan Edwards do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the said Evan Edwards did enlist in 1776, for the term of during the war, and served in the regiment No. five under the command of Colonel Cadwallader of the Pennsylvania line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said Evan Edwards on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever: therefore, [power of attorney follows]

The State of South Carolina }
City of Charleston }

On this eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Eight, personally appeared before the Hon Jacob Axson Recorder of the City of Charleston and Judge of the City Court of Charleston, Mrs Catherine Edwards a resident of the City of Charleston in the state aforesaid, aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to Law Doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled "An act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Evan Edwards who was a Major in the War of the Revolution of the Pennsylvania Continental Troops, that her Husband the said Evan Edwards entered the Army at an early period of the War & served to the end and Conclusion of the War That he was in service under Gen [Charles] Lee for a period of time, and was in the staff of Gen Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], and was in service at the siege of Yorktown, when Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the American and French forces [19 Oct 1781], Deponent craves reference to the Records of the War Department which will shew more authentic information as to the rank and services of her said Husband Deponent also states that her said Husband Received from the Government of the Government of the United States for his military services, Commutation Pay, & that since his death a Warrant for Military bounty Land was awarded to his Heirs in 1826, during the time the Hon James Barbour was Secretary of War.

She further declares that she was Married to the said Evan Edwards in the year one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty five (1785) (but she is wholly unable to state the day of the month,) at Germantown, near Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, That her Husband the aforesaid Evan Edwards died in the spring of seventeen Hundred and ninety eight. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, But the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen Hundred and ninety four, viz at the time above stated. Deponent further swears that she is unable to furnish any record proof of her marriage That her marriage certificate was consumed with a number of her valuable Papers, when her dwelling House was burnt down in Saint Thomas' Parish in the year Eighteen Hundred and twenty two. Deponent further says that her maiden name was Catharine Jones daughter of Doct John Jones of Philadelphia That she became acquainted with her Husband for the first time in Philadelphia shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis That after their marriage they removed to South Carolina in the year seventeen Hundred and Eighty six and settled in the said Parish of Saint Thomas, and that she has continued to reside there ever since generally spending half the year in the City of Charleston.

[signed] Cath. Edwards

NOTES:

Adam Sunday (pension application W26495), Fredrick Schaeckhler (S40415), and John Donnell

(W19182) stated that they served under Evan Edwards in the South.

The file contains a certificate that Charles Lee Edwards was the only son of Evan Edwards.

On 14 August 1838 Dr. William Read (S4766) made a statement supporting the application of Catherine Edwards.