

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Phillip Evans <sup>1</sup> W5272

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this twentieth day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court Philip Evans before the Judges of the same being a resident of the district and State aforesaid aged Seventy four 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 of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1759 and moved thence to Surry County where he entered the service on the 10<sup>th</sup> September in the year 1778, being drafted, under Captain Henry Smith, in the Regiment of Colonel Francis Locke & General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade. He served on this tour six months, but was not during that time in any general engagement, but had several skirmishes. Remained some time at Purrysburg, then marched to Sisters ferry on Savannah River, from thence to Turkey Hill, where he received his discharge from Colonel Francis Locke, which he now sends to the department & which is to the following effect:

“Camp Turkey Hill, So. Ca.

“This is to certify that Philip Evans a soldier in Captain Smith's

“Company in Colonel locks Regiment of No Ca militia hath served

“faithfully the time or which he was drafted & he is hereby discharged.

“Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1779.”

“Francis Locke, Colo.”

He was also engaged during the year 1779 in several short tours under Captain Robert Hill against the Tories – but the next regular campaign in which he served was in the year 1780 under Captain Minor Smith, Major Joseph Winston and the Regiment of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, as a volunteer for three months. He was not in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which his company was engaged in consequence of a severe injury received a short time previously. That he was engaged during the remainder of the year in various excursions against the Tories with whom the Whigs had a battle being under the command of Major Joseph Winston on the Yadkin River North Carolina. That he next volunteered in December 1780, under Captain Samuel Hampton & Colonel Joseph McDowell to march into South Carolina. That he was at the battle of the Cowpens on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1781, under the officers first named, General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] being commander in chief. After the battle he was employed in guarding the prisoners six hundred of whom were there taken to the Virginia line – that he was engaged in various excursions during the remainder of the year and was at one occasion impressed as a teamster with his father's wagon. He has no documentary evidence except the discharge already mentioned of his Services. He knows of no person in this district who can testify to the same. His name is not on any pension roll & he hereby relinquishes every claim

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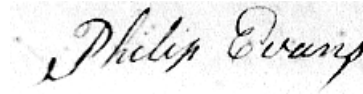
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whatever to every pension or annuity except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. And this deponent further saith the sum of his services taken together amounted to about 18 months.

Sworn to &c----

S/ Philip Evans



S/ J. McDaniel, CCP

[James Douthit, a clergyman, and Jer. Cleveland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district and State aforesaid Philip Evans, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grade: For one year and six months I served as a private, and for such service I claim a pension --

Sworn to and subscribed this second day of September A.D. 1833

S/ Rich'd Thurston, JP

S/ Philip Evans

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District: SS

On this first day of December A.D. 1833, Personally appeared before me the subscribing Justice, Philip Evans, who being first duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832 --

That this deponent is now past seventy-four years of age being born in Rowan County North Carolina on the 17th day of June 1759: but that the only record of his age has been consumed by fire -- That he moved while yet a boy to Surry County, where he entered the service at the age of 18 years, named drafted in the company of Captain Henry Smith, attached to Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment, in the Brigade of General Rutherford -- That his company rendezvoused for a short time at Surry County seat; and then marched by Salisbury North Carolina -- to Purrysburg South Carolina the then headquarters of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at that time commander in chief -- That he served out his tour of six months, without being in any engagement; and that he was during the time at Purrysburg, Sisters Ferry on Savannah River; at a public store or magazine near the latter place called the White House; and at Turkey Hill at which place he was discharged by Colonel Francis Locke on the 10th day of April 1779, which discharge accompanies this declaration -- That after some occasional slight services -- he volunteered in Surry County North Carolina -- in the Company of Captain Minor Smith -- in the month of August or September 1780 -- That he marched with his company on their way to South Carolina in pursuit of Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], but on his arrival at a Fort called Cryder's Fort, (he believes in Wilkes NC) he received a severe injury by a fall from his horse which disqualified him from immediate active service, and induced his dismissal and prevented him from being engaged in the Battle of Kings Mountain; but that on his recovery two or three weeks afterwards he again joined his company at Morgantown N. C. and assisted in guarding the prisoners taken at the battle of Kings Mountain, some of whom were carried to Guilford Jail -- that in this tour he served four months, although he only volunteered for three -- That he was in several short excursions against the Tories -- And afterwards again volunteered in December 1780 in a company of militia commanded by Captain Saml Hampton in Surry County North Carolina -- marched into Lincoln North Carolina where they joined the Regiment of Colonel Joseph McDowell; marched to Pacolet River, now Spartanburg district South Carolina where his Regiment effected a Junction with the forces commanded by General

