

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Edwards W77

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State of Tennessee, Wilson County

On this 14th day of February in the year 1839, personally appeared in open Court, being Court of Record held at the Court house in the town of Lebanon for the County of Wilson and the State of Tennessee aforesaid the Honorable Samuel Anderson one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the State aforesaid Nancy Edwards a resident citizen of the County of Wilson aforesaid aged 71 years since 24th day of December last past, 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 7, 1838, entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows," that she is the widow of Robert Edwards who was a Soldier of the Revolutionary war with the commission and rank of an Orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] & General Lincoln, that he was in Actual Service nine months & was in the battle at Stono where he was wounded in the thigh and breast some time in the years 1778, or 1779 as well as she now recollects, that her husband was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution as a volunteer Soldier with the office of Orderly Sergeant in the other Campaigns in the years 1780, or 1781, under General Butler, Col. Mabin [sic, Mebane], Fannin & Captain John Ross, & one other tour of service as light Infantry or horsemen principally against the Tories in South Carolina & North Carolina, that her husband Robert Edwards at the time he was Soldier of the Revolution was a resident Citizen of the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina, that the said Robert Edwards served as an Orderly Sergeant in Army of the Revolution between one & two years, as she is old & her memory treacherous she refers to the Depositions of Hezekiah Laseter [sic,] & Elizabeth Laster [sic] for a more detailed account of the services of her husband.

She further States and declares that she was married to the said Robert Edwards shortly after the declaration of peace the day & year not exactly recollected, but remembers it was before the year 1789 [last digit written over and unclear, it could be either eight or nine or any other number], as she recollects that her first child was born upwards of 50 years ago, she has no record of the dates of their marriage, they were married in Chatham County in the State of North Carolina and lived together as man & wife in the States of North Carolina & Tennessee, up to the date of the death of said Robert Edwards who departed this life in the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee on the 17th day of November 1831, that she was married to the said Robert Edwards shortly after his leaving the Service, & not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, to wit the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year above written before.

S/ Wm L. Martin, Clk

S/ Nancy Edwards, X her mark

[Hugh Edwards, relationship, if any, not disclosed, gave an affidavit on February 14, 1839 in Wilson County to the effect that he was well acquainted with Robert and Nancy Edwards, that they lived together as man and wife, that he heard Robert Evans state that he was an orderly Sergeant during the revolutionary war and was wounded at the battle of Stono and that he served between one and two years. Hugh Edwards also states that he knew William Lytle and had heard William Lytle state that Robert Edwards served as an orderly Sergeant in the company commanded by him and was wounded at the battle of Stono.]

[Obediah Hudson, Sr. and Charles Blaylock,, Sr., residents of Wilson County gave an affidavit supporting the claim of Nancy Edwards.]

[Bible Record:

Nicholas born August 24, 1787

Elie born October 15, 1790

Mary born May 16, 1791

Edward born May 8, 1793

Elizabeth born November 5, 1795

Henry born February 23, 1798

Lucy born October 7, 1800

Hannah born December 1, 1802

Hugh born May 28, 1805

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County

I Hezekiah Lasten¹ aged 78 next November do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Robert Edwards a citizen of Chatham County State of North Carolina and that he served three campaigns in the Revolutionary war.

The first campaign was a nine months tour as a militia Soldier during this campaign he was in the battle of Stono South Carolina and that he was wounded in that battle and as well as I recollect he acted as orderly Sergeant during that campaign William Lytle, I think, was the Captain and General Lincoln commanded the Army he served this campaign as well as I now recollect in the year 1778 or 79 I do not now recollect the names of any other of the officers in the Army.

The second time he was in the service was in the year 1781 as well as I now recollect and that General Butler was the Commander and Robert Mebane was Colonel I do not Recollect the name of the Captain and during this campaign he was in the battle on Lindley's Creek near Lindley's Mills in Chatham County near the Orange County line State of North Carolina think he served not more than two weeks the cause of his turning out in this second campaign was to suppress the Tories who were over running Country and after the battle at Lindley's Creek they were dispersed and the volunteers dismissed from further service in the Army.

The third campaign was in the latter part of the year 1781 and that he served three months the object of this campaign was to suppress the Tories under the command of Fannin [sic, David Fanning] who were committing daily outrages on our citizens and property and that we were discharged in the month of April 1782 Joseph Rosser acted as Captain the Lieutenant's name I cannot now recollect Joseph Hackney acted as Ensign.

Witness my hand this 31st day of July 1838.

Sworn to and subscribed before me 31 July 1833.

S/ R. P Harris, JP
probably the modern name Lassiter]

S/ Hezekiah Laten [?] [elsewhere spelled "Lasiter",

¹ No application for a pension could be located relating to someone of this or any similar name. Notice that this affiant never affirmatively states that he personally served in the campaigns he describes—one is left to infer that from his statements.]