Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Edwards R3262

Phebe Edwards

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this seventh day of July 1851 personally appeared before the Court of Probate of the District and State aforesaid -- Thomas Edwards -- a resident of said district and State -- aged Fifty three years who being duly sworn -- according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made for the widows of revolutionary soldiers passed July 4th 1836 --

That his mother was the widow of Andrew Edwards -- the father of the declarant -- who was a private in the revolutionary Army in the Southern [?] line during the whole war. That he served in South Carolina under Meredith -- Generals Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he was in the battles of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] -- and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] -- and was severely wounded in one of those battles.

He further declares that his mother was married to the said Andrew Edwards on the ___ day of __ 1778 -- and that the said Andrew Edwards died on the __ day of March 1819 and that his mother remained a widow until her death – which took place on the 14th day of June 1840. And that no letters of Administration have ever been taken how for her estate -- from the fact that she died poor -- and without assets -- but that the declarant is one of her heirs -- and makes this application for the benefit of all of them -- Sworn to before me the 10th day of July A.D. 1851 given under my hand and seal of office the day & date above written.

S/ Thomas Edwards

Thomas Edwards

S/W. D. Watts, The judge & Clerk of the Court of ordinary for the district of Laurens

State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this the 10th day of June A.D. 1851 Personally appeared before me M. P. Evins a magistrate of the aforesaid State Nancy Bradley resident of the aforesaid State and District (who is aged Eighty four years) being duly sworn according to law, saith on her oath, that Andrew Edwards and Phebe Meador her sister were married in Virginia Cumberland County to the best

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of her knowledge in the year 1778. Served before and after his marriage, thinks he entered into the regular Army at or about the beginning of the war and that he served out the same, that he did serve in this State (So.Ca.) Knows that he was absent as was always said in the Service of his Country, from his home and his own State for a considerable time and thinks it was about the close of the war of the Revolution -- Obadiah Hubbard & David Winneford as she thinks went about the same time, returned from the service and died at home before the termination of the war -- She knows that Andrew Edwards always claimed to be a soldier of the Revolution that he was so by Universal reputation -- never heard it controverted and got any person and that he resided several of the last years of his life as her neighbor, and a neighbor to several of his revolutionary compatriots. She thinks that Andrew Edwards has been dead about 32 years. Knows that Phebe, (the widow) of said Andrew remained a widow during her life and that she has been dead just 11 years this month; Sworn and subscribed the day and date above written before me.

S/M. P. Evins, Magt.

S/ Nancy Bradley, X her mark

State of South Carolina Laurens district

On this the 10th day of June in the year 1851 before me M. P. Evins a magistrate of the aforesaid State personally appeared Edward Scruggs Senior who is aged about Eighty one years, being duly Sworn according to law; Saith on his oath, that from his earliest acquaintance with any person he knew Andrew Edwards a citizen of Cumberland County State of Virginia, who was then married two Phebe Meador about the year 1778, knows that he was engaged in the Service of his Country (according to the best of her knowledge and as he believed as a regular Soldier) from the beginning of the war of the Revolution to the End of the Same; that he was under the command of officers Meredith, Morgan & Greene (Ranks of grade not recollected) as a private in the Southern line of the U.S. Army; that he was at the battles of the Eutaw Springs King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] and the Cowpens, was wounded in the service -- was honorably discharged at the close of the war -- was before and after his marriage a soldier of his Country -- Some of his Companions in arms were Richard Anderson, William Sanderson, William Criddle, James Criddle and John Burton of said Cumberland County Virginia, that said Andrew Edwards always claimed to be a Soldier of the Revolution; knows that he was so by Universal reputation -- never heard it controverted by any person. Said Edwards several of the last years of his life was his neighbor and was neighbor to his revolutionary Compatriots that Andrew Edwards as well as he recollects has been dead about 32 years. And that, his wife Phoebe remained a widow until her death which occurred about 21 years after that of her husband, or 11 years ago in Laurens District S. C.

Sworn in Subscribed the day and date above written before me. S/ M. P. Evins, Magistrate

S/ Edward Scruggs, H his mark

² I think it very possible that this is the same man as <u>Richard Anderson W23448</u> who is shown as having served in the Virginia Continental line from Cumberland County Virginia and who married Patty Meador.

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Andrew Edwards Addited Account Microfilm file No. 2163

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[Book] O [No.] 393 No. 28 20 Apl. 85 [1785]

Mr. Andrew Edwards his Accot. [account] of Militia Duty as private done alternately p. [per] Captain Joseph Pickens's Pay Bill from 1780 to 1783 inclusive

Amotg [amounting] to Vizt.:

35 Days as

Horseman 20/ [20 Shillings per day] £35.0.0

90 Days on

Received 2nd February 1789 full satisfaction for the within Accot. [account] in an Indente [Indent] No. 393 Book O

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S/ E. Edwards S/ Andrew Edwards, X his mark

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State of So Carolina

Dr. to Andrew Edwards

for Militia Duty done pr [per] Captain Wm Strain's [William Strain's]

Pay Bill from 80 to 83, inclusive, done

Alternately say on Horse as Private 35 Days
on Foot 90 Days

£35

£80

Stg. £11.8.6 3/4

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