

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Eoff R3362

Margaret Eoff

f60SC

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County

On this day personally appeared in open court now sitting for the Justices presiding therein Isaac Eoff a resident citizen of Rutherford County & State aforesaid aged about seventy-two years who being 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 a short time before he was sixteen years of age he went into the Army in place of his father who was drafted in Chester County in South Carolina the name of the Captain who commanded him he cannot now recollect but it was in Sumpter's [sic, Thomas Sumter's] Regiment. -- that after serving his father's term out he enlisted for ten months in a company commanded by Captain John Mills<sup>1</sup> in Chester County that they soon after joined Sumter's Army -- that he was in the action at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] and -- that he thinks afterwards it was he joined a volunteer company commanded by Alexander Fagin [sic, Alexander Pagan<sup>2</sup>] who joined Sumter's Army and was in the battle when Sumter was defeated in which his Captain was killed [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] -- that he was in the fight at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] & the Fish dam Ford [November 9, 1780] -- that he thinks he served as a volunteer about eighteen months. That he cannot recollect with distinctness the circumstances of a smaller nature but that the general facts here stated are true -- He further states that he has no documentary testimony -- that he knows of no person who can testify in relation to his service except those giving testimony accompanying this his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes all & every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clk

S/ Isaac Eoff, X his mark

By Samuel Knox<sup>3</sup> a resident citizen of Bedford County in the State of Tennessee and lived near neighbor of Isaac Eoff do state that I resided in Chester County South Carolina during the revolutionary war -- that I knew personally Isaac Eoff makes the foregoing declaration at that

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<sup>1</sup> [John Mills W9194](#)

<sup>2</sup> Bobby Moss lists an Alexander Pagan as the captain of a company under Sumter at Fishing Creek on August 18, 1780 when forces under Sumter were defeated by forces under Tarleton. Pagan was killed in that engagement. See the pension application of [Thomas Gill S31061](#).

<sup>3</sup> [Samuel Knox W302](#)

time -- that I have full knowledge he served his country during the revolution -- and that I have heard his declaration read and believe it substantially true.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Samuel Knox, X his mark

[William Keele, & Theodrick F. Bradford, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit. Their affidavit is acknowledged August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832, which presumably is the date of the veteran's application set forth above.]

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

I Matt Martin<sup>4</sup> residing in the County & State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that I have been acquainted with Isaac Eoff an aged man, for 20 years, and from conversation held between him and myself, who believe that we were together in the Battle of Blackstocks in the State of South Carolina under the command of General Sumter -- also He is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Army of the United States in the Revolution; from his well-known good character and integrity and veracity, which I can safely Certify, I do willingly concur in the General belief; -- The said Eoff lives in Rutherford, an adjoining County, about 4 miles from me.

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1832 Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> August 1832

S/ Jos Neill, JP

S/ Matt Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Martin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Matt Martin".

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

Personally appeared before me Samuel Phillips -- a justice of the peace for said County Isaac Eoff who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the 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 grades (viz.) That it is impossible for him to state with certainty the time of his entering and leaving the service, but that he served to the best of his remembrance not less than the following tours under the following named officers and in the following manner as a substitute for my father I served as a private soldier 4 months under Captain John Mills I served 10 months as a private soldier and under Captain Alexander Fagin or Pagan 4 months in all making 18 months and for which he claims a pension; also that he was very young at that time and it is impossible for him to state the periods of the war in which he served he also states that it is not more than a mile and a half from the County line between the County of Rutherford & Bedford, that he was not aware when his declaration was made that it made any difference where it was made, that a majority of his friends and acquaintances lived in Bedford especially Samuel Knox the witness who swears as to his Service, and that he was born in the year 1761 month not recollected; in the State of New Jersey about 30 miles from New York; That there is a record of his age in the possession of my brother in Pulaski County Kentucky, that his first tour was as a

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<sup>4</sup> [Matt Martin S2726](#)

substitute for his father that the next he enlisted under John Mills, and the other volunteered under Alexander Fagin ( or Pagin) and in fact he was pretty generally engaged in the service after his first taking his father's place, (which tour for his father was served in Charleston, and was discharged from there shortly before Charleston was taken) that Colonel Washington, (General Greene commanded) of the Continental Army was at the Battle of the Eutaws and was taken prisoner General Marion was also at that battle and such general circumstances as he is enabled to recollect is stated in his declaration, that he has never received a discharge, that he is known in his neighborhood by William Keele and Theodrick F. Bradford who has testified to his declaration as to their belief of his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed before me February 11, 1833

S/ Samuel Phillips, JP

S/ Isaac Eoff, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County

Before me Lewis Herrell a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rutherford aforesaid, this day personally appeared Catherine Knox aged 82 years, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she has known Margaret Eoff widow of Isaac Eoff late deceased of coffee County for 70 years, that she first became acquainted with her and Chester County South Carolina, when they were young girls -- Deponent was present at her wedding when she married the said Isaac Eoff -- They were married at her (the said Margaret's) father's by John Simpson, sometime in the early part of 1783. Deponent remembers the time from the fact that the said marriage occurred shortly before the birth of deponent's oldest child, which took place in June 1783 -- at all events deponent was present and saw them married, Deponent was perhaps 2 years older then said Margaret, and Margaret was 19 or 20 years old when she was married -- she has not married since her husband's death.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th of October 1843.

S/ Catherine Knox, X her mark

S/ Lewis Herrell, JP

[On September 26, 1848 in Carroll County, Arkansas, Margaret Eoff, appointed Alexander Eoff her administrator.]

[On June 12, 1849, in Carroll County Arkansas, Alexander Eoff, administrator of Margaret Eoff, deceased (who is stated to have died on September 26, 1848) states that her estate is not worth in excess of \$4.20, post bond in the amount of \$8.40 secured by William S. Laffoon and Isaac Eoff; Isaac Eoff states that Margaret Eoff was the widow of Col. Isaac Eoff of Coffee County, Tennessee, a pensioner of the US for this services in the Revolution at the rate of \$60/annum; Isaac Eoff, the pensioner, died in Coffee County, Tennessee on October 2, 1841; that Margaret survived him and removed to Carroll County, Tennessee and died there September 16, 1848 at the age of 85 or 86; that she was survived by sons William, Samuel and Alexander Eoff who reside in Carroll County, Arkansas; son, John Eoff who resides in IZARD County, Arkansas; Joseph Eoff who died in Hardin County Tennessee; that Margaret Kanady who died in Franklin County, Tennessee was her daughter; that Catherine Buck and Jane Knox are daughters of Margaret Eoff but their place of residence is unknown.]

[Facts in file: Veteran was born 1761 in New Jersey about 30 miles from New York; on March 12, 1783, he married Margaret [maiden name not given] in Chester County, SC.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>5</sup> relating to Isaac Eoff (Oave) AA9  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2232.5  
Transcribed by Will Graves 7/28/20

[p 2]  
No. 326 Book L  
Mr. Isaac Oave [sic] his Account of 201 days Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781  
Amounting to £20.7.1 ½ Stg. [Sterling]  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]  
J. M<sup>e</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3]  
The State of South Carolina Dr. to Isaac ~~Eoff~~Oave  
for services done in Camp  
Under Captains Pagan<sup>6</sup>  
and Mills<sup>7</sup> To 57 Days at 20/[20 shillings old SC currency]  
Comt. [Commencement] per day £57  
June 6, 1781 To 11 17 Infantry at 10/per day 62.10  
  
Under Captain  
[undeciphered]  
Comt. April 22 – 81 To 27 days at 20/per day 27  
£142.10 £142.10  
£142.10  
£20.7.1 ½

[p 3]  
Received the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780 for full satisfaction from the Commissioners of the Treasury for the within Account in an indent No. 326 Book L  
S/ Isaac Oave, X his mark

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 326 Book L]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]

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<sup>5</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

<sup>6</sup> Alexander Pagan

<sup>7</sup> John Mills

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 2151 Book X dated February 20<sup>th</sup>, 1788 “delivered to Mr. Isaac Eoff this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Four pounds two Shillings and eight pence arrears of Cloathing in Sumter’s [Brigadier General Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade per Certificate of the Commissioners for Adjusting the Claims against said Brigade.”]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent]

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Though all Men by these presents that Isaac Eoff of [text too faint to discern] County, South Carolina farmer do hereby Assign constitute and Ordain My true friend Captain John Mills of said County & State to be my true and lawful Attorney for Me [undeciphered words] to my proper Use Benefit & Behoof to Ask Demand and Sue for recover & receive all such Debts Duties Sum & [undeciphered word] of Money due or to be Due to Me in said State likewise such Sums as May Appear Due to me as [undeciphered word] in said Mills’ Troop or Company of Militia or Light Dragoons in [word too faint to discern] – [the balance of this document is boilerplate power of attorney language which I have not undertaken to transcribe]

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of October in the ~~tenth~~ year of America’s independence And in the year of our Lord 1785

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of

S/ David McGaughey

S/ Isaac Eoff

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Eoff". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Isaac Eoff".