Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Evans R3388
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State of Illinois Putnam County: County Commissioners Court: SS

On this Eighth day of December in the year of our Lord 1835 -- Personally appeared in Open Court before the County Commissioners of said Court, John Evans a resident of the County and State aforesaid, Aged as near as he can recollect and determine by the present means in his power, seventy-seven or seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832,

That he entered the service of the United States under the Command of Captain Nathan Hall in the year 1780, and continued in the service of the United States until the 25th of September in the year 1781, in guarding and protecting the property in the inhabitants of the Seaboard in Curituck [Currituck] County in the State of North Carolina. Said Nathan Hall was a resident of the County of Currituck and State of North Carolina when this Applicant went into the service of the United States. --

And further the Applicant states that he knows of no person here who's testimony he can procure to testify to his services, And that he has no other documentary evidence of his services rendered the United States than the certificate of Captain Nathan Hall hereto attached --

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, And declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory whatever.

Questions proposed by the County Commissioners Court and the applicant's answers -1^{st} Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born at Powels Point, Currituck County and State of North Carolina, and believe as near as I can arrive at the fact I was born in the year 1757 or 1758. --

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. None from which I can the term of it --

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War.

Answer. At Powels Point, County and State as above

4th Where do you now live?

Ans: I'm now live in Putnam County in the State of Illinois

5th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was drafted. –

6th Under what officers did you serve?

Ans: Nathan Hall Captain and John Adams was Lieutenant 7th Did you ever receive a discharge from the United States Service?

Ans: none but the Certificate hereto attached from Captain Hall -- under whom I served –

S/ John Evans

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Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid S/ H. Warren, Clk.

[B. M. Hayes, late Sheriff of Putnam County, and at present County surveyor, and J. C. Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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"State of North Carolina Currituck County These may Certify that John Evans has Sarved as a good and faithful Soldier till orders to be Discharged by General Gregory given under my hand this 23 of September 1781.

S/ Nathan Hall, Capt."

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