Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Everly R3405 MD VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee

Giles County Circuit Court being court of Record On this 22nd day of October 1839 and at the October term of said Court 1839 personally appeared in and before said court John Everly And Made Oath in due form of law, that he was a Volunteer in captain Adam Olds company of United states Volenteers in the revolutionary war that the Company Volenteered in Washington County in the state of Mereland and were then denominated minute men the Volenteered as affiant did some time in the year 1780 for twelve months that they were usually engaged in Guarding Brittish prisoners and this was the only service they actually performed affiand in the same company was actually engaged in Guarding the prisoners, taken und the command of British Gen'l Bergoin at Saratoga [sic: Burgoyne's army, captured 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks in VA Jan 1779 to Feb 1781] – he was like wise engaged in Guarding the prisoners taken at the defeat of Lord CornWallis [at Yorktown on 19 Oct 1781] this service was rendered at Frederick town in the state of Mereland this companey with affiant were required to hold themselves ready at a Minuets Warning to do such service as might be required of them by the United States in the War then going on with & against Great Brittain and they according kept and held themselves so ready and actually performed as such service and duty as was required of them for the whole of the twelve months for which they so volenteereed in this volenteer company was a Musician.

He also states that he inlisted in the United states Army some time in the year 1799 [after the Revolutionary War] and served therein about twelve months in the service his captain was by the name of Taylour & he believes Edmund Taylor affiant inlisted at Winchester Frederick county in Virginia, they Redg't marched to Harpers Ferry where the said Reg't was stationed and where affiant remained in Service untill the 14th day of June 1800 when he was discharged and herewith send his discharge [not found] as evidence of his having been honorably discharge in this service he was also a Musican and the drum Maj. of the Redg't during the time of the last mentiond service. After his discharge he resumed his residence in Frederick County, Virginia until about nine or ten years ago when he moved to Shanador [sic: Shenandoah] County Virginia where he resided about two or three years and about seven years ago he moved to Tennessee Giles County where he has resided ever since. that before he left Federick County as his place of residence he served and performed a Tour of Duty in Malitia under the Command of Griffin Taylor Col'n this service commenced on the 26th day of Aug't 1814 and ended on the 24th day of November following as is evidenced by a discharge herewith presented [not found] signed by the said Taylor as Colonel of the 1st Reg't The redg't under the command of Thomas Parker was the 8th Redg't of United State infantry John Everly son

Sworn to in open Court the 22nd October 1839

State of Tennessee Giles County

Nov'r 28th 1842

The Petition of Jno. Everley states that he heretofore presented a petition for a pension, setting forth Certain revolutionary services, therein mention'd which he understands is now on file in the proper department. In addition to the services therein mention'd he begs leave to make the following statement of additional services render'd by him in the revolutionary war which he prays may be taken & consider'd as a part of his original petition. Petitioner states that besides the services in guarding prisoners at Fort Frederick in the State of Maryland he was also engaged in the same service in guarding prisoners at Fredericktown in the same state. Petitioner states that he was engaged in this last mented

service for about three months and about the same time (3 months) engaged at Fort Frederick the place mention'd in his first petition.

Petitioner also was engaged in guarding prisoners a Hagerstown in Maryland for several months he thinks as much as three. These last prisoners he states were brought in from the South & were called & known as the Scotch prisoners – at what particular place they had been taken he does not now remember. Petitioner further states, that he remembers marching with a portion of the Burgoin prisoners as far as Lancaster [PA] where they were relieved by another company who took them on as he understood to Philadelphia

Petitioner can confidently state that he was engaged in actual service, as mention'd above, a much longer period than six months, & respectfully presents this additional statement to his former one. These facts would have all been set forth in his first petition, but he was informed by the persons who prepared it that they were not necessary as he had already therein stated enugh to give him the benefit of the Law in such case made & provided

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On this the 8th day of December A.D. 1842 appeared before the justices of the county court, personally in open Court, the same being a court of record John Everly Sen'r a resident of the said County and State aged seventy six years the 24th day of October last and being fir[st] duly sworn according to law stated upon his oath that the facts stated in this his amended petition as above set forth aa upon his own knowaledge are true and those stated as upon the information of others he believes to be true

Hampshire County, to wit:

This day [20 April 1846] personally appeared John Wolford [pension application R11027] before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Hampshire County in the State of Virginia and made oath to and subscribed the following statement, viz: That he served a tour of nine months in the Revolutionary war in the State of Maryland under the command of Adam Ott who was Captain of a Company of Volunteers and that John Everly Senr. served the whole of the said nine months and was their drummer, said Everly has since resided in Virginia but is now a resident of Western Tennessee – the said service was rendered in the year of 1781.

NOTE: Everly's claim was rejected because he "did not perform six months actual service." The regulations for the act of 1832, however, required as proof of militia service only the certification by two neighbors that the applicant was honest and had the reputation of having been a soldier of the Revolution.