

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Leonard Edelman S30397

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Rush County }

On this twenty second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, Personally appeared in open Court before the Honourable the Judges of the Rush Circuit Court Leonard Edelman, a resident of the County of Rush and State of Indiana Aged Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the army of the United States as a private & served as such for the term of nine months in the month of March in the year 1781 in the State of Maryland with Capt [James Woolford] Gray and served in the third Regement of the Maryland line Commanded by Colonel [Peter] Adams in the Brigade Commanded by General Smalwood, who shortly afterwards resigned [sic: William Smallwood, who served to the end of the war] and this applicant does not recollect that any other Brigadier General commanded the brigade until they joined the main Army of the South at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] under the command of Major General Green [sic: see endnote] and marched from thence under his command to Yorktown where he remained until the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. That he remained at yorktown for some time & then marched to Guard some British prisoners to Frederictown [sic: Frederick] in Maryland that the whole of his services amounted to about seven months That at the time the said Leonard Edelman entered the service he resided in Washington County near Hagerstown Maryland. That he does not now recollect the name of the Lieutenant Colonel or the Major that belonged to Colonel Adams Regiment, the name of the adjutant was Crawford – the name of the Lieutenant, who belonged to his (Captain Grays) company was Douglass. the name of the ensign he does not now recollect. And he further states that he made application in the year 1827 that he procured the deposition of Martin Sidener of Bourbon County Kentucky to corroborate the foregoing facts which papers he presumes are on file in the pension office at Washington City [not in the file]. And the said Leonard Edelman hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present, that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any state whatever Leonard hisXmark Edelman

Amended declaration of Leonard Edelman

State of Indiana Rush County Rush Circuit Court September Term 1833.

On this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Hon Charles H Test president judge of the fifth judicail Circuit for the said State of Indiana and John Gregg Esquire one of the associate judges of the said Rush Circuit Court in open court now sitting the same being a court of record Leonard Edelman a resident of said county and state aforesaid aged seventy two years of age who first 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 7th of June 1832 that he entered the army of the United for nine months as an enlisted soldier as a private in the Company Commanded by Capt Gray or Crey at Anapolis in the State of Maryland in the third regiment of the Continental line commanded by Col Adams in Brigade Commanded by General Smalwood That it was in the month of March in the year 1781 that he entered the army aforesaid under the above named officers that after being at Anapolis until some time in April following from thence they marched to Williamsburgh in the State of virginia where they joined the main Southern Army under the Command of Major General Green, where he remained but a short time when they marched to York Town in Virginia where the Seige immediately commenced [28 Sep 1781] which resulted in the Capture of Lord Cornwallis with his army after the Seige this applicant states that he together with many others remaind in the neighborhood of York Town to take care of the sick and wounded prisononers for about six weeks

we then marched with the prisoners through the Country by Fredericksburgh in the State of Virginia and Crossed the potomac river at Nolands Ferry from thence to Fredericktown in Maryland where they left the prisoners in the Garrison and went from thence to Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] in the State of Maryland where they were discharged, that during the time he guarded the said prisoners he was under the command of a Seargent whose name he cannot recollect. That the discharge he obtained from service has long since been lost. That he got the discharge from a Clerk but does not know the name of the officer who gave it. That he was discharged from service some time in December in the year aforesaid that he served as a private as aforesaid in the manner above mentioned for the Term of nine months that about Two years since there was a man living in the state of Kentucky by the name of Martin Sidener who could testify to his services but that he has not heard from him for the space of Two years and does not now know of any person who has a knowledge of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory

Leonard hisXmark Edelman

Copy of the Questions propounded to said applicant by the Court with the answers annexed

1 Where were you born and in what year.

Ans In the State of Maryland near Hagerstown in the year 1761.

2 Have you any record of your age if so where is it.

Ans. I have it in my bible which I took from my fathers family record at my house.

3 Where were you living when called into the service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans in Washington County Maryland near Hagerstown I lived about six years after the war in Maryland when I went to Greene County Tennessee where I lived until the year 1817 when I removed to Kentucky where I lived until the year 1824 when I removed to Rush County Indiana where I now lives.

4 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental and Militia regments as you recollect and the general circumstances of your services

Ans. I recollect Col Adams Capt. Grey or Cray Capt [Jacob] Brice, General Smalwood. I recollect Gen Washington Gen Greene & Baren Steuben [Gen. Baron von Steuben] & Lafayette. I recollect the third regiment Continental troops with which I served, I recollect the 4th & 5th Regmts of Maryland Militia that came came to Yorktown shortly after we got there The General Circumstances of my services are stated above

Did you ever receive a discharge from service if so by whom was it given & what has become of it

Ans I received A discharge at Anapolis as above stated I do not know by whom it was signed I left it with my Brother in Maryland about forty five years ago & have not heard [end of page]

State the names of some persons in the neighborhood where you now reside to whom you are known and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans I will name Rev. Elias Poston and [undeciphered word] Mr. [Robert] Thompson the clerk of this court.

How were you called into service were you enlisted or drafted or voluntered or a substitute

Ans I voluntarily enlisted as above stated

NOTES:

Edelman's statement that he served under Gen. Nathanael Greene at Yorktown is badly mistaken. Greene passed through Virginia in the late fall of 1780, but he and the Southern Department of the Continental Army were in South Carolina throughout the Siege of Yorktown. The 3rd Maryland Regiment under Col. Peter Adams was also in South Carolina during the siege at Yorktown.

On 15 April 1840 Leonard Edelman applied to have his pension transferred from Indiana to Kentucky for the following reason: "on the 3rd day of April 1839 his Wife departed this life and having no other in family he broke up house keeping and came to Harrison County State of Kentucky for the purpose of living with his Son." Aaron Edelman (as he signed) verified the identity of Leonard Edelman.