

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Edens S35911

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County and Circuit

On this 21st day of September 1818 before me Alfred Metcalf -- Circuit Judge in & for the fifth judicial district of Kentucky and sole Judge of the Bullitt Circuit Court in said district personally appeared John Edens aged fifty-eight years resident in the circuit aforesaid, who being I me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" That he the said John Edens enlisted in the State of South Carolina in the spring or summer of the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain James Dollison [James Donaldson] in the third Regiment of the South Carolina line; that he continued to serve in said corps until May 1780 when he was taken prisoner by the British at Charleston South Carolina [May 12, 1780], and detained in captivity by them fourteen months when he was exchanged & eventually discharged at the high hills of Santee in South Carolina in the Spring of the year 1782; that he was in the battles at Savannah and at the siege of Charleston, that his discharge is lost or destroyed by time or accident; that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; that he has never been allowed any pension under any law of the United States, & that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services -- Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alfred Metcalf

State of Kentucky 13th Judicial District

On this the 31<sup>st</sup> [? very faint] day of May 1821 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Bullitt Circuit Court in and for the District aforesaid being a Superior Court of law and of Record with power to fine and imprison and whose proceedings are enrolled and signed, John Edens a Resident of Bullitt County in said District, about nine or 10 miles from Shepherdsville aged sixty-three years, on the fourth day of July 1820 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows That he was enlisted for three years in the Army of the United States in the State of South Carolina at the age of sixteen years lacking a few days and prior to the capture of Burgoyne in Captain Donaldson's Company which belonged to the third South Carolina Regiment of Continental Establishment Commanded by Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] & afterwards by Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] and served therein the whole period of service in South Carolina and Georgia. That he was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] -- fought in South Carolina where

General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Commanded. And also that he was in two Battles at the Town of Savannah in one of which Count Pulaski was killed [Casimir Polasky was killed October 11, 1779 during the unsuccessful Siege of Savannah from September 16-October 18, 1779], and in the other General How [Robert Howe of North Carolina commanded in the unsuccessful defense of Savannah on December 29, 1778] commanded. And also he was taken prisoner at Charlestown when that City was captured by the British and General Lincoln surrendered himself and his Army to the Enemy; And that he remained a prisoner about 14 months and about nine of which he was confined on board the prison ships of the enemy. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit

30 acres of Land in Bullitt County of which eight or 9 acres only or fit for cultivation and of which about Three acres are in Tillage	\$45.00
7 Runaway hogs which have runaway about one year and were about one year old when they ran away and have not been heard of and as to the declarant are lost –	
One axe worth	\$1.50
Two knives & forks 50. One Chair fit for use 50	\$2.50
	\$47.60

The declarant has no wife or children living and is a farmer by profession and has a Confirmed pain in his side which disables him from hard labor in good weather and in bad totally disqualifies him. He is the same person to whom a Pension has been granted by the United States under the act aforesaid of the 18th of March 1818 four which his Certificate bears date the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 18\_\_ and is numbered \_\_\_\_.

The Declarant owes justly a debt of \$25 and has debts due him in them out only of six dollars.

S/ John Edens, E his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 21, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Edens pp5  
 Audited Account No. 2150A

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[p 2: Printed form of indent No. 124 Book G dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1784 “delivered to Mr. John Edens this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Thirty Eight pounds ten shillings and four pence halfpenny Sterling for his pay as a private in the third South Carolina Continental Regiment from the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1780 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1782 per Account audited &c.”]

<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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.

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Austin & Moore, Robert Knox and Thomas Cochran on behalf of the Fellowship Society. There is no documentation showing how these entities or Knox acquired an interest in this Indent.]