

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Eckols S41517

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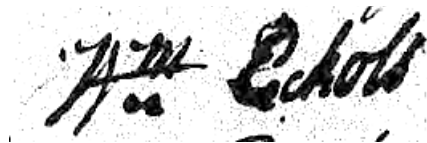
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District of North Carolina

On this 9th day of September 1819 before us the Subscribers for of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Beaufort in the District & State aforesaid, personally appeared William Eckols aged fifty-nine years and upwards resident in the County of Beaufort aforesaid, who being us 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 and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said William Eckols enlisted for the term of twelve months on the ___ day of May in the year 1776 in Beaufort County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Simon Alderson of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe on the Continental Establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the end of the War when he was discharged from Service on James Island near Charleston in the State of South Carolina – that he was in the battles which took place during the Siege of Charleston in the year 1780 where he was taken prisoner [Charleston was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780] – after which he made his Escape from the Enemy and joined the American Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and served on different detachments and services until the end of the War.

That he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. And that he has no other Evidence now in his power of said Services, except the testimony of Benjamin Brady here with transmitted.

S/ Wm Eckols



Sworn to and declared before us in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Charles Oden, JP

S/ Henry Harding, JP

S/ Hillary Whitehurst, JP

Benjamin Brady maketh Oath that he is well acquainted with William Eckols and has been acquainted with him since the year 1776 that the said William Eckols Served with him the said Benjamin Brady in the fifth Regiment of the North Carolina line in the year 1776 & 1777, 1778 & 1779 – the Regiment being commanded in the year 1776 & 1777 by Colonel Benjamin Buncombe and Captain Simon Alderson's Company – in the year 1778 & 1779 and the third Regiment commanded by Colonel or General Hogans [James Hogun] – that a part of that time the said Eckols was in the Company of Major

Hogg – the Regiment being also a part of the time commanded by Colonel Robert Mebane. This Deponent was well acquainted with the said Eckols during the above periods & has every reason to believe that he behaved himself well – and was discharged with honor but have never seen his discharge.

Sworn at Washington, Beaufort County the 30th of April 1819.

S/ Benj. Brady¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Brady". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to & subscribed before me Frederick Nash one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law & equity in the State aforesaid this 30th of April 1819.

S/ F. Nash

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 31st May 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War that William Equals [sic] a private in Hoggs [Thomas Hogg's] Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of July 1778 for nine months and that he reenlisted on the 15 May 1779 as a Sergeant for three years. And that William Eckles [sic] served in Evans Company of the 10th Regiment as mustered in 1782 for 18 months.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

United States of America, district of North Carolina, County of Beaufort

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On this fifth day of September A.D. 1820 personally appeared in the said Court, being a Court of Record as aforesaid, William Eckols aged Sixty years & upwards resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

In the year 1776 he enlisted in Beaufort County State aforesaid and Captain Simon Alderson's Company in the fifth Regiment of North Carolina Regulars of the Continental Army the Regiment being at that time commanded by Colonel Buncombe. That he served with said Company twelve months and was discharged with honor, but has lost his discharge. That he afterwards while out in the nine months Militia enlisted in the Regular Army at Philadelphia on or about 15 March 1779 for three years in the third Regiment of Captain Robert Mabin [Robert Mebane], that he served a part of said time in the Company Commanded by Major Hogg, and a part of the time in the Company Commanded by Captain Joseph Mumford [Joseph Montford]. That he was captured by the British on the 12th May 1780 in the City of Charleston South Carolina, that he remained a prisoner about eight months when he made his escape, that he afterwards joined the Army under General Greene, Colonel Archibald Litel's [Archibald Lytle] Regiment, Captain Coleman's [Benjamin Coleman's] Company and served to the end of the War. That during all of the above periods of time he served as became a faithful soldier and was finally discharged on furlough and then disbanded, that he served as second Sergeant in Colonel Mayben's [Robert Mebane's] Regiment first in Mumford's Company and afterwards in Coleman's Company, that the time he served as Sergeant was about two years. That he has no other evidence now in his possession of said Services but the testimony of Benjamin Brady heretofore transmitted to the

¹ This veteran evidently did not file a claim for a pension for his services. This may be the only record of his service.

War Department, say on or about 30 April 1819. That he has received a Certificate of Pension dated 12th day of June 1820, to commence from 7 September 1819 at the rate of eight dollars per month, Registered in book B volume 9th page 65 Number 17483, payable to the 4th of March 1820 but thereafter no payment to be made before exhibiting a Schedule of property.

And I the said William Eckols, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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: that I am by occupation a farmer, that I live on a piece of land the Title to which is disputed, that I am in an infirm state of health and have a lameness in my hip and leg by which I am frequently laid up so as to be unable to work, that my family residing with me consists of one son aged about 18 years who is able to maintain himself but not both of us without the aid of my labor.

S/ Wm Eckols

Schedule of property belonging to William Eckols of Beaufort County State of North Carolina excepting necessary bedding and wearing apparel

One cow and five pigs

Three sitting chairs

One plough

Two Axes

Two Hoes

One Iron Pot

Two Kettles

My Interest in the piece of Land containing 100 acres on which I live.

S/ Wm Eckols

State of North Carolina County of Beaufort

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of the County aforesaid being a Court of Record as set forth in the Declaration of William Eckols hereunto annexed had before this court on the 5th day of September A.D. 1820. And now on the 21st day of August A.D. 1821 the said William Eckols personally appeared before the said Court and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration as an amendment to his said Declaration of the 5th September 1820 vizt. – The said William Eckols declares that he was on the said 5th day of September & had been for some time and is now wholly unable to maintain himself by his labor; and that he has no other resources for a maintenance than those set forth in his said declaration. That since his said declaration of the 5th September his bodily infirmities have increased to so great a degree as to render him wholly incapable of labor having nearly lost the use of one arm & his eyesight very much impaired. That his son who resided with him at the time of said declaration has now left the family of said William and going to sea and he does not expect to derive any benefit from the labor or earnings of said son; and without the assistance of his Country he is apprehensive that he will be dependent on public charity, the charity of neighbors who are no way bound by law to afford him any particular assistance. That the land on which he lives is very poor and almost in a state of nature and without further clearing an improvement incapable of affording him a subsistence which improvement he is unable to make. And further that the said land is claimed by another person alleging a superior Title who has threatened and the said William believes will institute a suit at law for the recovery thereof – which suit the said William is unable to raise

sufficient means to defend and that he is apprehensive of being turned off the said land when his situation would be entirely destitute.

S/ Wm Eckols

[Information in the file indicates that the soldier died on December 28, 1828.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 7th, 1819, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line.]