

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Evans S6827

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State of North Carolina Onslow County

On this 9th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Onslow North Carolina now sitting Samuel Evans a resident of Onslow County North Carolina aged 69 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

When this applicant was about 15 or 16 years of age he was drafted for three months to serve under Captain Matthew Alberton [Matthew Allbritton] in Onslow County. We met together that the South West edge of this County about 75 of us. William Jimmerson was Lieutenant, We marched from the South to Beaufort's Bridge [sic, Buford's Bridge]<sup>1</sup> on the Cape Fear [River] were we placed under the command of General Linnington [John Alexander Lillington] who commanded at that place. Here we remained about six weeks. From thence we were carried up the River to a place called Mulberry [?]<sup>2</sup>, thence to a place White's Ferry now called Love's ferry we remained there about four days & then went to a place called Rutherford's Mills or Holly Shelter, where we remained about five weeks -- we were employed every day in digging entrenchments & labored very hard & from here we were carried to Kinston on the Neuse [River] where we remained seven or eight days when our time expired. No discharges were given to us & we returned home. On our march from Holly Shelter we were placed under the command of Benjamin Coleman, a Continental Officer. After my return home about a month fearing that I might be again drafted to serve on foot & having a good horse, I joined a company of light horsemen at Onslow Court House under the command of John Mason, under him I remained about four months & a half. We marched about the County & had one engagement with a gang of Tories, all of whom we killed except seven, they were taken. After this we were carried into South Carolina under the command of Major Troy [could be Foy] & met the General Marion [Francis Marion] who there took command. We were about 250 strong & General Marion had

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<sup>1</sup> J D Lewis notes: "The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770s. But, by the late 1770s, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge." [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_herons\\_bridge.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html)

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under his command about 500, with these forces united we marched to retake Wilmington from the British who were there stationed under the command of Major Craig [James Craig]. The evening before we were to and test Wilmington we formed a Junction with about 1200 foot soldiers under the command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell]. The next morning our whole troop of horse, led by Marion, before sunrise, went into Wilmington hoping to surprise the enemy, but he had been apprised of our coming by a Tory named Jones & had evacuated the town in the night. The vessels of the escaping enemy were still in sight -- we rode down the bank of the River, as far as Federal Point. One of the Americans party shot one of the enemy on ship board & this applicant saw the body of the slain soldier thrown overboard. After we all returned to Wilmington & Gallows Hill, General Marion dismissed us -- I was engaged four months & a half in the horse Company.

This applicant has no documentary evidence to support the statement herein contained.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State --  
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ James Taylor

S/ Samuel Evans, T his mark

[James Thompson, John Evans & William Montfort gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In Onslow County North Carolina in the year 1763 or 1764

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

Ans: Yes -- at home in a Bible

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In Onslow County, always, before & since

4<sup>th</sup> 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 first drafted for three months & was paid volunteer for the last 4 1/2 months.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I remember in the horse, Marion & Major Foy & in the foot service, General Lillington & Colonel Ashe -- I served in the ninth Regiment

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received any discharge --

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: Hezekiah Williams, James Glenn & James Thompson

S/ Samuel Evans, T his mark

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia in both the infantry & cavalry.]