

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Evans William

VA

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[p2] Virginia certificate 12.514 to William Evans of Sussex Co VA,
A private in the Virginia company of Captain Elliott for 6 months
Issued 06May1833 @ \$20/annum.

[p3] State of Virginia
County of Sussex

On this 18 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me William Parham a Justice of the County Court of Sussex which is a Court of record, William Evans, a resident of the said county, aged upwards of 75 years (whose age & great bodily infirmities renders it impracticable for him personally to attend any Court of record, the nearest of which is about fourteen miles from his residence) 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.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man from the County of Brunswick 9in this state barely a few miles from where he now resides) under Capt. John Elliott of that county & was marched to Portsmouth & other places in the neighborhood of Norfolk in Virginia & having performed a tour of three months was discharged & returned home. That he has ___ in distinct recollection that one of Elliott's subalterns he thinks the Lieutenant was named Clayton but of this he is not entirely positive & he retains no recollection now of the name of any of the Superior officers to whose command the company was attached.

That after his return he removed to the County of Dinwiddie (which adjoined the County of Brunswick as well as the County of Sussex aforesaid) and some time after performed another three month tour of duty under a draft by numbers (as before) under Cap^l Baker

[p4] Pegram of that county but he does not recollect the name of any other officer, inferior or superior or where it was that he was discharged. That his memory has become nearly destroyed & all traces of the details of his service are either gone or pass before his mind so much like a dream that he is unwilling to have them set down; But of one thing he cannot be mistaken & he affirms it solemnly before that God before whom he expects very soon to appear, that he did serve his country in the Revolutionary war two different tours. He states that he is in great poverty being entirely dependent on the charity which has thus far supported him. That he never saw any register of his age. – Had never any written discharge but only verbal ones. That no documentary evidence of his service. That both the Captains above enumerated he hears have long since died & he does not know of any single person being alive who served in either tour with him altho some may be for ought he knows. He _____es that every body who has known him from the war to this time knows that he has always been reputed & believed to have been a revolutionary soldier. That he lived in Dinwiddie since the war until 5 or 6 years ago when he moved to Sussex. He the said W^m Evans hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Wm Evans x his mark

We John Kirby a clergyman residing in the County of Dinwiddie near to Wm Evans who resides in the edge of Sussex afores^d and Elijah Rose, Coleman Tucker, Seth Tucker, & Hubbard Wyatt. [p5] also residents of Dinwiddie in the neighborhood of the applicant do hereby certify that we are all acquainted with Wm Evans, who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be as old as he has stated & that he is unable to go to court that some of us have known him as much as forty years, others as much as twenty years. That he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood in which he lives to have been a soldier in the revolution & that we concur in that opinion. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid,

John W M Kirby
Elijah Rose
Coleman Tucker
Seth Tucker
Hubbarad Wyatt

[routine county certification by William Parham and Littleton Lanier]