Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Simeon Everly S8446

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State of Virginia } (Copy) [by Pension Office]
Monongalia County } SS

On this 15 day of November 1833 personally appeared before me David Hoge a Justice of the Peace in and for Monongalia County in the said State of Virginia Simeon Everly, a resident of Mongalia County in the State aforesaid aged 70 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 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that on the 10th day of June 1777 he volunteered in the Virginia Militia as a private and Indian Spy from Monongalia County when 14 years of age under Captain Joseph Neal, Lieutenant and Enigns [sic: Ensigns] names not recollected, Peter Popin [Peter Popens] Sergeant, for a tour of 3 months to defend the Northwestern frontiers of Virginia, that he marched and spied through the Counties of Monongalia, Harrison, Lewis, Preston & Randolph in pursuit of the enemy that were nearly daily committing depredations on the western frontiers. That we marched and spied constantly from what was called Martin's Fort, Stradler's Fort on Dunkard's Creek, Burress's Fort near Morgentown, Harrison's Fort, Coburn's Fort on Dunkard's Creek, Monongalia County [see endnote], and Evans' Fort in the State of Pennsylvania, just across the Virginia line and through the before mentioned scope of country until the 10th of September following at which time I was discharged by Capt. Neels. That I was not in any battles or skirmishes during said tour, but recollect distinctly of the Indians coming on Dunkard's Creek, a branch of the West fork of the Monongalia [sic] river just before I volunteered to pursue them, and killed and drove off the most of the whites there settled, two men by the name of Wade and Robbins were killed. In this tour I saw Col. Martin who was our Commandant. That on the 6th day of June 1779 he volunteered in the Virginia Militia as a private under Capt [Robert] Ferrell, Lieutenant's name not recollected, — Mauhon Ensign, and marched from Mongalia County, Virginia to Little Yok [Little Youghiogheny River] where we met Col. Clarke [sic: George Rogers Clark] and was attached to his regiment, lay there a few days and from thence we marched to the mouth of Shirter [possibly Chartiers Creek W of Pittsburgh] that empties into the Ohio river, at which place some Indians lay in ambush, fired on us and killed three of Col. Clarke's men, from thence we marched to Wheeling Fort still lower down on the Ohio river, lay there several days making preparation to march on against the enemy; there saw Col. [Zackquil] Morgan, Major [William] Lowther, Capt. George Jackson and other officers, names not recollected. We there took water and descended the Ohio river to the mouth of Limestone just above the falls of the Ohio, we there took land and reconnoitered the country and forted where Louisville in Kentucky is now situate - that I was there taken sick and lay there for about four weeks with the fever and ague. Col. Clarke and the most of the army went on. from there I marched to Harrod's station, on my way there I fell in with Col. Zach. Morgan, Capt. George Jackson, and other officers, but have forgotten their names. From there we retreated to Dick's river in Kentucky, lay there for some time and on the [blank] day of December 1779 was discharged. That we then proceeded homeward, that when we were within about 7 miles of Powell's station night overtook us, we kindled up a fire and lay down, about midnight we were aroused from our sleep by the firing of guns by the Indians. Several of our men were killed and wounded. disagreeable and cold as the weather was, those that could travel were bound to leave and seek shelter elsewhere. From there we marched on undisturbed and on the [blank] day of April following I arrived home in Monongalia County. In this tour I volunteered for six months, but from the time I left home till my return was 9 months, making in all 9 months, provided the time I consumed in returning home is not reckoned, but if included makes 12 months. — That he was born in Cumberland County in the State of Maryland on the 15th of October 1763, when about 3 or 4 years of age his father moved from there to Virginia in Monongalia County where he has resided ever since. That at the end of each tour he took, he was discharged by his Captain, but those discharges are now lost or

mislaid, the he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(Signed) Simeon Everly

- I, the said David Hoge Justice of the Peace as aforesaid propounded to the applicant the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to which he answered as follows, to the 1^{st} . That he was born in Cumberland County in the State of Maryland on the 15^{th} day of October 1763.
- 2^d. That he has a record of his age taken from his father's record of his children's ages, which he now has.
- 3^d. When called into service he was living in Monongalia County Virginia, that he lived there during the Revolutionary War, and has lived there ever since.
- 4th. I was a volunteer each tour.
- 5th. Col. Martin, Col. Morgan, Col. Clarke, Major Lowther, Capt. George Jackson I recollect of seeing, I saw other officers, their names I do not now recollect. The circumstances of my services I have already given in the foregoing declaration.
- 6th. I received a discharge from my Captains each tour, but what has become of them I am unable to say, they are lost or mislaid.
- 7th. Richard Harrison and Calvin Harrison in my neighborhood can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

(signed) Simeon Everly

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth and the note below.]

Simeon Everly. draws \$30—

I the undersigned Simeon Everly at the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following narative of my age and Revolutionary Services to Wit - I was 71 yrs old the 18th of last October - Some time during the Revolutionary war my brother in Law William Martin was drafted - (it was then said for three months) I substituted in his place - there were 7 or 8 of us went down the Monongalia River to Elizabeth town 14 or 15 miles above Pittsburg there joined our Captain from Monongalia - Robert Ferrill - Gen'l. Clark was at that place with other soldiers. the whole army under Gen'l. Clark went to the mouth of Shertee on the Ohio: remained there some time repairing the boats to descend the river, it eventually went down to Wheeling rested a while & then went on down to the mouth of the Kentucky River, and from there to the falls of Ohio and there encampted - I took sick & & went up into Kentucky - directly after I left Col. Morgan with his command in which I belonged was discharged - on the return of Morgans men I joined them. traveled with them a few days, & finally was compelled from indisposition to leave the men. remained sick in Kentucky some time - I joined Capt Ferrell at Elizabeth town some time in July - Morgan & his men were discharged their time haveing expired some time late in the fall. I left the army about 3 weeks before Morgan was discharged - I was in service at least four months (4 months) - when quite young - I think April 1776 I done some neighbourhood service scouting - never [two illegible words] Indian Spy during the Revolutionary War. William Neulan wrote my Declaration. I gave him the same account of my services I now give - by an agreement in writeing he was to have all the back draws [i.e. \$75 due from start of pension act to first payment on 4 Sep 1833]. - I swore to my Declaration before Esquire Hogue - I live six miles from the County Seat have not been there [illegible word] for a few years. I could get there but with some inconvenience — In Witness that the forgoing contains the truth I hereto subscribe my name

Witness Isaac Cooper

Simeon Everly

Note this man has returned his Declaration which has been transmitted to Mr. Edwards [Col. James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] [illegible word] I understand. No money has been drawn.

W. G. Singleton Nov. 28, 1834

NOTES:

The forts mentioned in Everly's report are as follows: Fort Martin on Crooked Run on west side of the Monongahela River; Fort Stradler or Statler on Dunkard Creek; Fort Burris on the east side of Monongahela River; Fort Harrison at the source of Crooked Run; Fort Cobun near Dorsey Knob on Cobun Creek.

Singleton wrote "Fraud" on the cover of his report on Everly, and the pension was suspended according to a note in the file of Zackquil Morgan (W1912). Singleton routinely considered claims for service as an Indian scout as fraudulent.