Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Cason W25383

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State of Virginia County of Spottsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] – to wit —

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the justices of the county court of Spottsylvania now sitting Edward Cason a resident of the county of Spottsylvania, and state of Virginia aged 80 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 – That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated – That he was born in the county of Spottsylvania in the state of Virginia in the year 1752, he was living in Hanover cty when he was called into the service in the Revolutionary war (the date he does not recollect) being draughted in the 7th division, and marched under Capt Price (his given name he has forgotten [probably John Price]) his Colnl. being Holt Richardson, to the South, to oppose Cornwallis, and that on this tour, he was at Gen'l [Horatio] Gates's defeat [at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]- and after having served 6 months (to the best of his recollection,) he was discharged, receiving a written discharge, which he has since lost- He then removed to Spottsylvania, where he was again draughted in the same division, the next year after Gates' defeat under Capt. Legg (his christian name not recollected [probably John Legg]) and Colnl Thomas Meriwether, and marched down to the lower part of the state. he does not recollect exactly the date when he was draughted, or when he was discharged, but he thinks that on this tour, he served three months – He was again draughted (the date he has forgotten) to guard the prisoners taken at York [sic: Yorktown on 19 October 1781] under Capt Croucher & Lieut Branham, (their given names he has forgotten [probably Thomas Croucher]) and marched up to Nolins Ferry [sic: Noland's Ferry on the Potomac River] where he was discharged, having served as well as he recollects 20 or 25 days- He knows Genel. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], Genel. Gates & Colnl. Holt Richardson — He has no papers or documents by which he can prove his service in the Revolutionary war. he has a record of his age at home which was left by his father, and which has been preserved by himself – He can prove the first term of his service mentioned in this declaration by William Cason, the second by Thomas Dawson, and the third by James Smith - 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 afsd. [signed] Edward Cason

NOTE: On 7 May 1853 in Hanover County VA Ann F. Cason applied for a pension stating that she married Edward Cason on 7 Aug 1823, and he died 15 March 1836. On 23 Aug 1854 she changed the date of her husband's death to 13 March 1834. On 20 Oct 1865 in Henrico County she gave her age as 81 and applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War. A typed summary states that at the time of her marriage her name was Ann F. Allen, and she lived in Louisa County.