

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Earnest W4666 Katharine f56Va
Transcribed by Fred Weyler 2/25/13
?w7757 and s25141
(p3) Georgia certificate to widow Catharine Earnest 7757. \$34.88/annum from 04Mar1843.

(p4) State of Georgia

Meriwether County On this ninth day of May 1833, personally appeared in open court before the inferior court now sitting, George Earnest, a resident of said county, state, aged seventy years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

1st that he was born on the 20th May 1762 in Hanover County Virginia. His age was recorded in a family book then left with his mother & not now to be commanded principally raised there then removed from there to Georgia date not recollected, shortly after the Revolutionary War & settled in Wilkes County, removed thence to Jefferson County where he lived four years removed thence to Clark County where he lived upwards of ~~thirty~~ ↑twenty five ↓ years & removed thence to this County last October, his present neighbors are Charles Garrett & Jephthah V Smith.

1st service – He entered service at the age of sixteen years as a private soldier in the militia infantry in the state of Virginia under state authority rendezvoused at Hanover Court House his Captain was John Anderson, Fildon major, Pleasant Colonel, Lieutenant Sam^l Earnest & Nelson General, this in May 1778 was in this service three months, marched thence to Williamsburg where was stationed and discharged by General Nelson [Ed. Note: General Thomas Nelson later followed Thomas Jefferson as Governor of Virginia. He signed commissions for many of the officers of the Revolution. At Yorktown, Cornwallis' HQ was in his house and he asked Lafayette and Washington to aim their artillery upon it.] without any written discharge at August 1778.
2d Service – Entered as a private soldier in Infantry in the Spring

(p5) sometime of the year 1779 under call of the State for Militia rendezvous at Pages Town [Ed. Note: Pages Warehouse was later renamed to Hanover town, was considered as Capital of Va when they had to leave Williamsburg, but Richmond was chosen] Hanover County Virginia his captain John Stanley, major and colonel were Dick [perhaps Alexander Dick] and Jack, Nelson general & Lieutenant name ~~forgotten~~ ↑Sam^l Earnest. Entered for & term 3 months. Marched to York Town where was stationed six weeks, marched thence to or near Hampton where remained six weeks & where was disbanded by General Nelson without any written discharge in the Summer sometime of the year 1779. –

3rd Service Entered as a private soldier in the Infantry under State authority on call of Militia under Thomas Richardson captain, major Hampton, colonel Pleasant, Nelson general & Edward Cook Lieutenant, rendezvous at Hanover Court House, this he thinks was in the year 1781, marched to the Meadow Bridges on Chickahominy swamp Henrico County, marched thence to Richmond, followed Arnold the Traitor to the place on James River called Shirley Hundred staid there one month, marched thence to four mile creek below Richmond remained there one month & whilst there attacked a Ship belonging to the British which was injured materially but not

captured, had one man wounded, marched thence into Richmond where was discharged after the retreat of Arnold without any written discharge by Gen^l Nelson, this service 3 months. -

4th service – Entered as a private soldier in the Infantry as a volunteer under State authority under Captain Woodson (a hair lip man) Lieutenant Roberts, Hampton major, no Colonel, rendezvoused at Hanover Court House Virginia, this he thinks was in 1781 in the summer of the year, served in this tour 22 days, marched to Hampton, marched thence to or near Richmond was retreating from Cornwallis advance, discharged by

(p6) Gen^l Nelson without any written discharge.

5th service – Entered as a private soldier in Infantry under State authority as a guard of prisoners captured in Cornwallis' surrender, his Captain Lipscomb [Ed. Note: Bernard Lipscomb was Capt of Va Militia], his Lieutenant Purty (?), rendezvoused at Hanover Court House where said prisoners were (sic) taken in charge & were guarded to Winchester Virginia & then delivered tho (?) in October or November 1781, was discharged at Winchester from this service without any written discharge, by Cap^l Lipscomb, this service actually going & returning 22 days. –

Summary of service

1 st -3 months	
2 nd -3 ditto	
3 rd -3 ditto	
4 th	22 days
5 th	22 ditto

Not less than -----10^{mo} & 14 days as a pri Infy.

[vertical note in the space beside the summary of service)

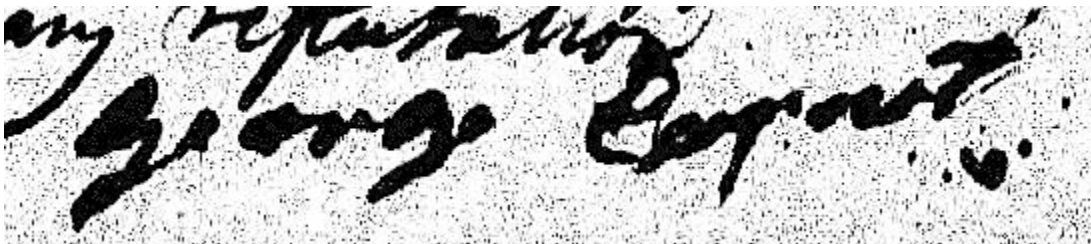
From lapse of time & consequent loss of memory, being old & infirm, he cannot more precisely recollect his service.

[at the margin a symbol drawn flipping the finger]

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the preset & declares that his name is not on the roll of any State – And that he knows of no person by whom to prove his services as here not forth, & that he has no original documenting evidence to present in proof or corroboration of the same, all Revolutionary vouchers which he once had having long since been lost.

Sworn in open court now sitting the day & year aforesaid. And be it further known that he is unacquainted with any clergyman in this county by whom to know his Revolutionary reputation.

W.B.Ector clk©

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Earnest". The ink is dark and the background is light with some speckling.

[Reuben Williams & Walton B. Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

(p13) No.25141

George Earnest

Merriwether Co
Georgia

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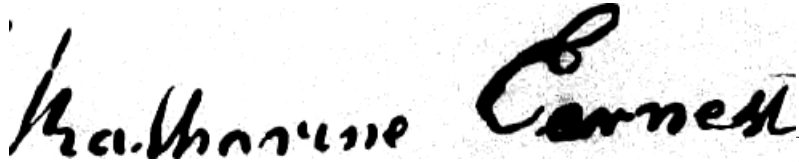
(to p56 with various forms, notes, and inquiries)

Added by Will Graves

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On July 29, 1845 in Meriwether County Georgia, Katherine Earnest, aged about 87 or 8 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of George Earnest, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him; that he died December 31, 1840; and that she remains a widow.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Earnest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'E'.

[p. 11: copy of a marriage bond issued in Louisa County Virginia dated only April 26, 1782 issued to George Earnest and William White conditioned upon the marriage of Catherine White [sic], daughter of Colonel William White to George Earnest.]

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Georgia Meriwether County: SS

On this 16th of August 1833 personally appeared before me W. B. Ector, Justice of the Inferior Court in & for said County, Georgia Earnest, a resident of said County & State, aged seventy years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Amendatory Declaration to his Original Declaration of 6th May 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 –

Answer to 1st Int. – Answer in original Declaration.

" 2nd " ditto

" 3rd " In fulfilling this Interrogatory & amending first service as detailed in original Declaration he swears that when called into service he was living in Hanover County, Virginia; this Interrogatory otherwise fully answered in original –

Ans. to 4th Inter'y: – In all his services as detailed in original Declaration, first, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tours he was a volunteer – militia private serving when demands were made by the State of Virginia to wit public emergencies; & when he entered each service he was living in Hanover County Virginia –

Ans. to 5th Inty. – He cannot [several lines of text compromised and illegible] in 3rd Service in original Declaration was shortly after Christmas 1780. – At the time he was stationed at Williamsburg [illegibly faint text] in first service in original declaration [illegibly faint text] of troops then destined for the South under General Greene – Whilst serving in 3rd service in & at mile Creek below Richmond saw the Marquis the Lafayette who was principal in command there, & who left there with the main Army for the up country operating as were the movements of Lord Cornwallis.

Ans. to 6th Inty. – Answered fully in original declaration

— 7th " In my original Declaration I have stated two of my neighbors Charles Garrett & Jephthah V. [?] Smith who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. Walton B Harris & Reuben Williams two other County of acquaintances & neighbors have done so.

During all the time he was employed as detailed in his original Declaration & this as amended he has not engaged in any civil pursuit; was in the field marching or in Garrison as his particular services in their history implies; & that in all said service he served with an embodied Corps called into service by State authority. –

Although his memory is pretty good for his age, yet he cannot be exact in some matters of so long a time past, & which he never expected to be necessary to be minute or precise on, especially as to exact dates he therefore claims the indulgence of the Government to add the Affidavit allowed for "old age & loss of memory" which he here with includes.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Inferior court as aforesaid, Georgia Earnest, as aforesaid, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades: for 10 months & 14 days I served as a Private; & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ George Earnest

W. B. Estor, JIC