

Pension Application for Edward Evans

Edward was born at Amenia, Dutchess Co., NY May 9, 1767 and was a Presbyterian Minister.

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State of New York

County of Schohary SS.

On this 3d day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of said county now sitting, Edward Evans, a resident of North Blenheim, in said County of Schohary, & State afore said, aged sixty five 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, pass'd June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following officers, & served as here in stated; that in AD 1782 in the Month of April he enlisted for the term, of nine months; & marched to the City of Albany; that before joining any regiment, he enlisted into a company, commanded, by Capt. Jonathan Percy, Josiah Richardson, 1st Lieut & Lawrence Tremper, 2nd Lieut; & the Regiment was commanded, by Col. Marinus Willett; & termed the N. York New Levies; that after a few weeks, we were ordered to March from Albany to defend the frontier inhabitants, from savage [situations?], upon the Mohawk River, & its vicinity; that his first station, was at a place called Fort Hunter, from thence he was ordered to a place, called Connis Town; where he with the detachment, under the command of Lieut. Richardson, were stationary until sometime in October following; when we were ordered to rejoin the Regiment, at Fort Plain.

In a short time, ordered were served; for all to be inoculated for the small pox, who had not previously had the disease, that he was of the number who had previous had it; that sometime in January following the Regiment was joined by a Regiment, from Rhode Island & ordered on an expedition, to surprise, & take the British garrison at Oswego; which expedition failed, by reason of [?] or ignorance of the pilot; who was an Indian known by the name of Capt John. He led the troops into a swamp, not sufficiently frozen, to bear, some perished & many so frozen that they lost some of their limbs & some died after their return to [camp?].

In the spring following the regiment was ordered to Fort Herkimer & was [bottom of page not legible] the most of the time untill autumn, in repairing roads & rebuilding bridges, which had been destroyed by the enemy, or out own people, in their flight, to deter the progress of the former, & make good the retreat of the latter. The regiment, was ultimately ordered to Fort Stanwicks; to build a store & two block houses for the accomadation of the returning inhabitants & their defense from the Indians, & others who might assail them; & after accomplishing the object, were again order[ed] to Fort Harkimer [sic] & after some time had elapsd, were ordered to the City of Schenectady for winter quarters; where in the month of January 1784 he was Honourably discharged from the service, by order & the signiture of Gn George Washington, commander in chiefe. That in 1786 he lost his pocket book & [blot] there with his discharge; that he knows of no man, now living, with whome, he served in the

army; & has seen none to his knowledge for the last thirty years, that could testify to the service rendered, that his enlistment in the corps afore said, was for the term of two years, that at the time of his first enlistment he resided with his parents at Mount Washington; Berkshire County, Massachusetts, that after his discharge from the army he returned to the same place & generally lived in that region of country, untill 1798 when he went to the State of N. Hampshire, in Grafton County; where he settled in the gospel Ministry; where he [?] about twenty five years; when he moved to Windsor County VT, where he abode about three years; & for the last seven years, has resided in this State of New York; & the deponent, further states, that he was told by his parents, & as appears by family record, that he was born, in Amnia Duchess County, N. York, the 9th of May 1767 & further the comidants, of the other companies, of the Regiment, in which he served; were Captains Cannon, Newell & Conner.

He here by 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.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year afore said. (Signed) Edward Evans

And the Deponent doth further say, that at the time of his enlistment for the term of two years, he had the pledge of being clothed, & equipt, instantly but the gun, bayonet, & cartage box, only were provided. Not an article of clothing was furnished, untill the Month of October following; when each man drew a vest, one pair of small clothes, one Do shoes, & one pair of stockings & many had neither hat, or shirt, to cover them. About the first of January after the first pledge was verified; when each man drew a full suit, but there was no further provision, but he was discharged with his companions in arms, in a destitute situation.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afore said. (Signed) Edward Evans.

In open court, John Gebhard Jr. Clk