

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Eddleman S30398

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State of Kentucky }

County of Fayette } SS

Peter Eddleman of the said County aged 90 years being sworn does on his oath make this the following declaration (Viz)

I am the identical Peter Eddleman who was a private soldier in the North Carolina Militia in the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution (Viz)

My first regular tour was in the year AD 1780 I volunteered in the early part of August in that year in Surrey [sic: Surry] County North Carolina for three months in the company commanded by **Captain Henry Speer** under Colonel [Joseph] Philips. A Tory Colonel named Rugeley with some two or three hundred of his men had been taken as prisoners by the United States forces out near the Catawba River. We were on our way to join General Gates near Camden and were halted at the town of Salisbury in Rowan County North Carolina and detained to guard this Rugeley and his men; in which capacity we remained until they were all exchanged or paroled in about a month after we took charge of them In the meantime General Gates had been defeated near Camden. [see endnote]

We were then marched South and joined General Greene who had succeeded General Gates. We remained under his command until our time of three months expired and I was honorably discharged from the service; I do not now remember where but Camden was the nearest town

My next regular tour was at the town of Salem in Surrey County

The Assembly of North Carolina could not hold its sittings at the former place of meeting because the lower part of the state was either in the possession of or overrun by the British and Tories hence they met at Salem and even there, there was thought to be some danger from the enemy and there were two captains (Viz) **Henry Speer** and Daniel Moseby raised volunteer companies to guard the town while the Assembly held its session I served in this capacity under Captain Moseby for at least two months as well as I now remember; We entered in this service for no stipulated time except that it was to be as long as the Assembly should sit and we remained until it adjourned

I do not now remember whether it was the same year of "Gates Defeat" or whether it was a year afterwards. I remember it was in the latter part of the year

I was also in the service against The Tories in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

The above named **Captain Henry Speer** had a company of "Minute Men" ready to go at any time on the shortest notice I belonged to his company and was always ready. I served several tours in this service of several days each I do not now remember how many We were organized for the purpose of keeping up our organization as long as there should be any need of our services; and from the time of our organization until we were disbanded was more than six months and we were in actual scouting about half the time so that I can safely say that my actual service in this capacity was at least three months During this service against the Tories we caught two of them who lived on the Holstien [sic: Holston] River the name of one of them was Collins the name of the other I do not now remember; they had robbed and killed one Riley on Hunting Creek in Surrey county and we caught them over the Blue Ridge on their way home and took them back to Rowan County and put them in jail and they were afterwards hung.

One McHaney a tory robbed **Captain Speers house in the night. We caught him several days afterwards and Captain Speer himself hung him**

I moved to Kentucky near where I now live in 1793. Captain Speer used to call on me on his way through the country

He moved to Indiana many years since and I have heard and believed for many years that he died there.

Captain Moseby died in Surrey County North Carolina as I have heard and believed for many years.

I have never seen any of my fellow soldiers in this stated except Captain Speer as I have mentioned above.

I do not know of any person now living by whom I can prove my services nor have I known of any for many years neither did I know of any records and I never had any regular discharges

I have recently been informed that it was probable there were records somewhere in North Carolina and I accordingly authorize my Attorney to apply for an examination thereof.

I make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the arrears of Pension to which I may be entitled under the Act of Congress of 7th June AD 1832

Witness my hand seal in Fayette County Kentucky on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1852

Peter hisXmark Eddleman

NOTES:

A correct chronology of the events described in Eddleman's first tour in 1780 is as follows:

16 Aug Battle of Camden SC; Gen. Horatio Gates defeated.

3 Dec Gen. Nathanael Greene replaces Gates as commander of the Southern Army.

4 Dec Lt. Col. William Washington captures Henry Rugeley and 112 loyalists 12 mi N of Camden

On 13 March 1855 Peter Eddleman, 93, applied for bounty land. His X was witnessed by Jones Eddleman.