

## Andrew Edwards

Birth: 1752  
Death: 1819  
Laurens County  
South Carolina, USA

On October 7, 1780 the foundation that would forever change the world was established. Fewer than one thousand American Heroes, through skill, luck, and the leadership of cunning strategists, defeated Patrick Ferguson, a brilliant star of the British military might. Andrew Edwards was one of those Heroes.

His participation in the Battle of Kings Mountain was documented in R3262, the Application for Revolutionary War Pension that his son, Thomas, submitted. The application was transcribed by Will Graves.

(Parenthetically, historians, genealogists, and descendants owe thanks to Will Graves for his hours spent transcribing the pension applications of American Revolution veterans. These papers were fragile and difficult to read, so this was a most difficult task, but so many people benefit from his efforts. Thank you, Will Graves.)

Southern Campaign  
American Revolution Pension Statements  
Pension application of Andrew Edwards  
R3262 Phebe fn11SC

Transcribed by Will Graves 12/10/08  
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

State of South Carolina  
Laurens District

On this seventh day of July 1851 personally appeared before the Court of Probate of the District and State aforesaid -- Thomas Edwards -- a resident of said district and State -- aged 53 years who being duly sworn -- according to



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5TH Great Grandfather  
- Nancy Knight

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- LeeAnne Peterson

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Honoring Andrew Edwards, DAR  
Ancestor Number A036544, one of  
the Heroes who fought at the Battle  
of King's Mountain.  
- Vonnie L Cantrell

Added: Oct. 29, 2014

Thomas Edwards  
BJ 1798

law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made for the widows of revolutionary soldiers passed July 4th 1836 --

That his mother was the widow of Andrew Edwards -- the father of the declarant -- who was a private in the revolutionary Army in the [indecipherable word] line during the whole war. That he served in South Carolina under Meredith -- Generals Morgan and Green [sic, Nathanael Green]. That he was in the battles of the Cowpens -- and Eutaw Springs -- and was severely wounded in one of those battles.

He further declares that his mother was married to the said Andrew Edwards on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 1778 -- and that the said Andrew Evans died on the \_\_\_ day of March 1819 and that his mother remained a widow until her death -- which took place on the 14th day of June 1840. And that no letters of Administration have ever been taken how for her estate -- from the fact that she died poor -- and without assets -- but that the declarant is one of her heirs -- and makes this application for the benefit of all of them --

Sworn to before me the 10th day of July A.D. 1851 given under my hand and seal of office the day & date above written.

S/ Thomas Edwards

S/ W. D. Watts, The judge & Clerk of the Court of ordinary for the district of Laurens

State of South Carolina  
Laurens District

On this the 10th day of June A.D. 1851 Personally appeared before me M. P. Evins a magistrate of the aforesaid State Nancy Bradley resident of the aforesaid State and District (who is aged 84 years) being duly sworn according to law, saith on her oath, that Andrew Edwards and Phebe Meador her sister were married in Virginia Cumberland County to the best of her knowledge in the year 1778.

ss Nancy  
Bradley

Served before and after his marriage, thinks he entered into the regular Army at or about the beginning of the war and that he served out the same, that he did serve in this State (So. Ca.) Knows that he was absent as was always said in the Service of his Country, from his home and his own State for a considerable time and thinks it was about the close of the

war of the Revolution -- Obadiah Hubbard & David Winneford as she thinks went about the same time, returned from the service and died at home before the termination of the war --

She knows that Andrew Edwards always claimed to be a soldier of the Revolution that he was so by Universal reputation -- never heard it controverted and got any person and that he resided several of the last years of his life as her neighbor, and a neighbor to several of his revolutionary compatriots. She thinks that Andrew Edwards has been dead about 32 years.

Knows that Phebe, (the widow) of said Andrew remained a widow during her life and that she has been dead just 11 years this month;

Sworn and subscribed the day and date above written before me.

S/ M. P. Evins, Magt.  
S/ Nancy Bradley, X her mark

State of South Carolina  
Laurens district

On this the 10th day of June in the year 1851 before me M. P. Evins a magistrate of the aforesaid State personally appeared Edward Scruggs Senior who is aged about 81 years, being duly Sworn according to law; Saith on his oath, that from his earliest acquaintance with any person he knew Andrew Edwards a citizen of Cumberland County State of Virginia, who was then married to Phebe Meador about the year 1778, knows that he was engaged in the Service of his Country (according to the best of her knowledge and as he believed as a regular Soldier) from the beginning of the war of the Revolution to the End of the Same; that he was under the command of officers Meredith, Morgan & Greene (Ranks of grade not recollected) as a private in the Southern line of the U.S. Army; that he was at the battles of the Eutaw Springs King's Mountain and the Cowpens, was wounded in the service -- was honorably discharged at the close of the war -- was before and after his marriage a soldier of his Country --

Some of his Companions in arms were Richard Anderson, William Sanderson, William Criddle, James Criddle and John Burton of said

Cumberland County Virginia, that said Andrew Edwards always claimed to be a Soldier of the Revolution; knows that he was so by Universal reputation -- never heard it controverted by any person. Said Edwards several of the last years of his life was his neighbor and was neighbor to his revolutionary Compatriots that Andrew Edwards as well as he recollects has been dead about 32 years. And that, his wife Phoebe remained a widow until her death which occurred about 21 years after that of her husband, or 11 years ago in Laurens District S. C.

Sworn in Subscribed the day and date above written before me.

S/ M. P. Evins, Magistrate

S/ Edward Scruggs, H his mark

Edwards, DAR Ancestor Number A036544, married Phoebe Meadors. They had several children, including:

Andrew Edwards married Leanna

Mary Edwards married Edward Scruggs

John Edwards married Rebecca Gilbert

Elizabeth Edwards married James Garrett

Thomas Edwards

The actual burial site of Andrew Edwards has been lost to history. We have placed a Memorial Stone in his honor in the Cantrell Gilliland Memorial Garden. May this memorial serve as an expression of the gratitude we owe him for risking his life and braving the unknown to help build a new country: our America.

Family links:

Children:

Elizabeth *Edwards* Garrett (1785 - 1858)\*

\*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Cantrell Gilliland Memorial Garden

Spartanburg

Spartanburg County

South Carolina, USA

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