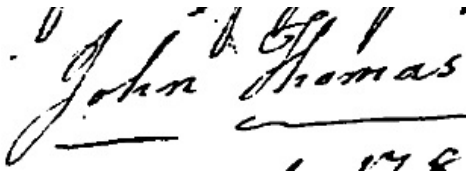
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Edwin Eskridge VAS3521
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

This is to Certifie that Edwin Eskridge entered with me as a Midshipman the 1st July 1777 and discharged his duty true & faithfully untill the first of July 1780.
Given under my hand John Thomas Capt. [R100]
Certif'e reced by Mar 1 1785
John Gordon



[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia indexed as Eskridge, Edwin S.]

Hampshire County Sct
George Eskridge a respectable gentleman of the said county aged seventy six years this day personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said county and being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that Edwin S. Eskridge who was a midshipman in the united States Navy and who died in the service during the revolutionary war was a relative of his, and that he knew him well, that William Eskridge late of the County of Northumberland in the State of Virginia was the father of the said Edwin S. Eskridge and survived him and that the said Edwin S. never was married. that some years ago the said William Eskridge died leaving the following children Rebecca who intermarried with Thomas Hobson, and Lucy which intermaried with George Cole in [undeciphered word] and others that some time after the said Thos. Hobson and Rebecca his wife departed this life, the said Rebecca leaving the following children and heirs of her body, Lucy Elgin who is the widow of — Elgin, Sarah the wife of Albert Baily, Rebecca the wife of Henry Fanning[?], Jane the wife of Sylvester F. Momau, Hannah Thornton widow of Benjamin B. Thornton & John Hobson who he believes are now living. Given under my hand this 11th day of November 1833 William Donaldson

1834 July 18 Rejected
Edwin Eskridge has received Land.

NOTES:

According to William Lowrie (Lowrey, Lowry) VAS986, "Edwin Eskridge was on board the above said Galley Protector as midshipman on board the said vessel & that in a short time he was transferred to the ship Dragon commanded by John Calender [sic: Eleazer Callender] where he continued to act as midshipman until his time of enlistment expired which was three years at which time he was honorably discharged."

A table on p 346 of *Revolutionary War Records: Virginia* edited by G. M. Brumbaugh (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1995) indicates that Thomas Hobson received warrant no. 4072 for 2666⅔ acres of bounty land for three years service by Edwin Eskridge as Midshipman in the state navy.

If Edwin Eskridge and Edwin S. Eskridge were the same person, it appears that he did not die in service.