

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Edmondson (Edmondson) R13953 VA Half Pay
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Pension Office
September 7, 1842

I certify that on July 1838, half pay was allowed on the case of Benjamin Edmondson dec'd under the act of July 5, 1832. Entitled "An act to provide for the liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," and that the half pay commenced on the 22^d of April 1783 when the revolutionary war terminated. It now appears that he left the service, having been a supernumerary officer, as early as the 6th of February 1782. The ~~administrator~~ heir of the said deceased Edmondson is therefore entitled to half pay on account of his service as a Lieutenant of the 2d Virginia State regiment from the 6th of February 1782 to the 22^d of April 1783 at the rate of one hundred and sixty dollars per annum. The amount is payable to Francis A Dickens, of Washington City, attorney of John M Gregory, of Virginia, administrator de bonis non of Benjamin Edmondson, deceased.

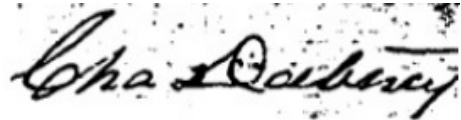
Commissioner of Pensions

Approved

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Edmondson.]

Richm'd May 31st 1783

I do Certify that Lieut. Edmondson has served three years in the 2^d Virginia State Regim't
Chas Dabney Lt. Col [Charles Dabney R13624]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chas Dabney". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

[From Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com.]

Names Rank and promotion &c of the Officers of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment from their first entering in the Service to the reduction of the Regiment.

Names	First Rank	Year	Different Promotions	present Rank	present Date of Commission	Present State
William Brent [VAS2639]	Ensign	1776	Aid de Camp 1776 with the appoint. Major by the State Virginia Lt Colo 14 June 1777	Colonel	January 1st 1779	Supernumery
Charles Dabney [R13624]	Captain in the Minute Service	1775	Appointed Major in the State service 1776 promoted to Lt Colo June 23d 1777.	Lt Colonel Command't		In Service
John Lee	Ensign	1775	Capt of Marines appointed Capt 1st State Reg't January 1st 1777	Major	February 1st 1778	Supernumery
Henry Dudley [R13891]	Lieut	1777		Captain	September 1st 1777	In Service
Augustin Tabb [R18331]				Ditto	Sept 10th 1778	Ditto
Machin Boswell [R19364]				Ditto	Sept 15th 1778	Supernumery
John Hudson [R15350]				Ditto	October 1st 1778	Ditto
William Long [VAS973]				Ditto	Jan'y 1st 1779	Ditto
James Moody				Ditto	April 30th 1779	Ditto
Nathaniel Welch [R18894]				Ditto	May 1st 1779	Ditto
John McIlhaney [R16313]				Ditto	August 5th 1779	Ditto
Thomas Quarles [R17251]				1 st Lieut	August 24th 1779	Ditto
Samuel Carey [R13010]				Ditto	August 25th 1779	Ditto
Benjamin Edmondson				Ditto	Jan'y 1st 1779	Ditto
John Baytop [R19357]				Ditto	May 1st 1779	Ditto
John Hardyman [R14719]				Ditto	Sept 24th 1779	Ditto
Levin Walker [VAS4844]				Ditto	April 13th 1779	Ditto
Isaac Holmes [R15233]				Ditto	Sept'r 15th 1778	Ditto
John Fleet [R14208]				Ditto	Sept'r 10th 1778	In Service
Thomas Hays [VAS3819]				2nd Lieut	October 22nd 1778	Supernumery
Wharton Quarles [R17252]				Ditto	Jan'y 2nd 1779	Ditto

As I had not the Command of the Regiment untill May 1779, therefore cannot possibly be acquainted with the strength of the Regiment when first raised. discharged in April and May 1780, about 280 remaining about 31 for the War.

W Brent Colo.

The foregoing is truly copied from the original, on file in this Office.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 22nd day of March 1837

Jas E Heath Aud

I Hamlin Willcox of the County of Charles City in the State of Virginia aged sixty six years in June last, do Certify that I was well acquainted with Benjamin Edmundson late of said County and State. That I lived within the distance of four miles of the residence of said Edmundson, had frequent transactions with him, and that said Benjamin Edmundson decd as well as I recollect, indeed I am Certain of it, between the last of March 1793, and the first of May following. The reason I can speak with such certainty, I acted as deputy Sheriff at the time and had process against said Edmundson in my hands at the time of his death. Given under my hand this 2nd day of August 1831. Hamlin Willcox

Virginia, In Charles City County Court the 20th day of April 1837
On the motion of William Edloe the Court doth Certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court by the oath of a Witness this day sworn and examined, that Benjamin Edmundson late of this County was a Lieutenant in the State line of Virginia, in the war of the Revolution; that the said Benjamin Edmundson died intestate without issue leaving a sister Elizabeth Edmundson who intermarried with Henry Edloe; That the said Elizabeth Edmundson was the only heir at Law of said Benjamin Edmundson; and that William Edloe is the only heir at Law of the said Elizabeth Edloe deceased'

Williamsburg Sept'r 12th 1837

From my earliest recollection I was induced to believe from the common talk of all my relatives that my uncle Benjamin Edmonson was a Lieut in the Va State Line that he fought a duel with a Brother officer by the name of Holmes and kill'd him he was advised by some friend to leave the army for fear of an arrest he did so but on reflection he returned to duty and rejoined his regiment again
W Edloe [William Edloe]

The Affidavit of Mrs. Margaret W. Munford aged Sixty three years October last taken before John Sinclair a Justice of the peace for the County of Gloucester. the said affiant not having been duly sworn, but having first solemnly affirmed (having religious scruples as to the taking of an Oath) declares as follows to wit. that she was well acquainted with Mr. Benjamin Edmondson of Weyanoake [Weyanoke] Charles City County Virginia that the said Edmondson was her Step Father having married her mother Margaret Harwood widow of Samuel Harwood of Weyanoake that she had frequently heard said Edmondson speak of his military services during the Revolutionary War that she believes from her own recollection and accounts of her late husband Robert Munford that the said Edmondson died in the year Seventeen hundred and ninety three, that the said Edmondson died about eight months previous to her mother whome she believes died in that year, but the death of her mother can be more fully ascertained by refference to the Will of mother which is recorded in County Court of Charles City and was written but two or three days previous to her death. [see endnote] Margaret W. Munford
[9 June 1838]

NOTE: The Virginia Half-Pay file includes a copy of the will of Margaret Edmundson dated 18 Dec 1793 and proved in Charles City County on 17 July 1794 giving her entire estate to daughters Ann Harwood and Margaret Woddrop Harwood.