

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Etheredge (Etherdge) R3375

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State of Georgia, County of Crawford: SS: In Court of Ordinary -- Application for pension under act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

On this fourth day of October A.D. eighteen hundred fifty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Ordinary, a court of public record now sitting Joel Etheridge a resident of said county & state aged ninety 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 passed June 7th 1832.

That he served two tours in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States in the North Carolina Militia during the years 1780 & 1781, which is particularly described as follows; that the Militia was divided into three classes & numbered one, two, & three that he belonged to number three; that sometime about the month of either May or June in the year 1780 he resided in the County of Halifax in said State North Carolina, that there & there he was called into the service of the United States; that he did actually enter said service for & during the time or space of three months (Deponent believes it was not less than three months & to the best of his remembrance knowledge & believe it was not for a longer time) under Captain John Williams – who commanded a company in the Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Col. Sowell [Benjamin Seawell]. That the company rendezvoused at Franklin C.H. [Franklin County Court House] in said state then marched to Wake C.H. [Wake County Court House] thence through Saulsbury [Salisbury] & Charlotte being the notable places through which he marched; that he was discharged at Halifax about August or September A.D.1780, that he received a written discharge but that all his old papers have been destroyed among which is his written discharge. That he again entered the service of the United States during the year 1781 for the term of three months & actually served three months in the Company commanded by Captain Green [James Green] in the Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Col. Kenan [James Kenan] that the Major commanding the Battalion until it joined the aforesaid Regiment was Griffin; that he rendezvoused at Tarborough [Tarboro]; that the march was through Kingston [Kinston] the object being to march to Wilmington; that was the line between the counties of Duplin & Hanover [New Hanover] they were attacked and Deponent was severely wounded by several wounds by a sword one of which was upon his head which disabled him for some time. That the company to which he belonged was never actually attached to a greater division of the army was a Colonels' command but thinks that the Colonel in both tours regulated his activities by orders received from a superior officer. ~~thinks it was General Green~~ That in this last tour he was discharged again at Halifax receiving a written discharge but which has been destroyed as stated in respect to his first discharge. Declarant further states under oath as aforesaid that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his service, nor does know of any soldier living who was with him by whom he could establish the facts of his service. Declarant also states & answers under oath the Interrogatories required to be propounded by the regulations of the Department of War.

To the first Interrogatory he answers : I was born on the 21st day of February A.D.1762 in the

County of Halifax State of North Carolina

To the second Interrogatory he answers: I have not an original record of my age there was one but it is destroyed. I have a copy in my Bible which is at home.

To the third Interrogatory he answers: I was living in Halifax County North Carolina after the Revolutionary War until about 1790 of 91 when I moved to Edgefield District State of South Carolina where I lived near about twenty years when I removed to Jones County Georgia & where have been living ever since – living in this county (Crawford) twenty four or five years where I now live.

To the fourth Interrogatory he answers: That I have stated in my Declaration that I belonged to the class Militia & suppose that it was a draught

To the fifth Interrogatory he answers: I have stated in my declaration the names of the names of the officers under whom I served and that the company was attached to no other division of the army than a regiment hence there were no other officers for me to know than Captains & they do not seem to come within the class mentioned in the Interrogatory, I have stated as fully in my declaration as to the circumstances of the service as my memory will allow. I am very old & feeble & it has been so long ago that I cannot remember more than I have stated that could be of satisfaction to the Department.

Interrogatory the sixth: he answers that I have stated in my Declaration that I received written discharges & that they were destroyed & he thinks they were given by the respective Captains under whom he served.

To the seventh Interrogatory he answers: I will refer to Joel Matthews, Philip Matthews, James Matthews, James J. Ray, Thomas Crutchfield, William Hartman all living within the vicinity of Knoxville, Crawford, Georgia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written aforesaid in open court.

S/ Joel Ethedge [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Ethedge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Joel Ethedge [sic]".

[Supporting affidavit given by Samuel B. Burnet, clergyman and Philip W. Matthews regarding applicant's age, and belief in the neighborhood of applicant's Revolutionary services.]