

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Roche S36257

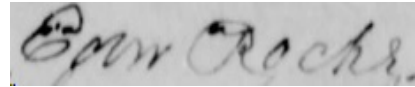
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On this twenty fourth day of March in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before the honorable John May Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas of the State of Delaware, personally comes Edward Roche Esquire, a resident of the Borough of Wilmington and County of New Castle in the State aforesaid, who upon his solemn oath duly administered, deposes and says. That early in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he was appointed and commissioned to be Quarter Master to the Delaware Regiment, then on the Continental establishment, and immediatly joined the said Regiment at Princeton in New Jersey. That having served some few months in that office he was promoted and Commissioned to be paymaster in which office he continued to serve until the new arrangement of the army took place, which was as well as he can recollect some time in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight. That on that arrangement he accepted of a Commission in the line and was also continued as the Paymaster of the said Regiment. That he served in and performed the duties of both those offices until after the Battle of Cambden [sic: Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], at the conclusion of which Battle he was taken Prisoner on the Field of Battle, then and there a Lieutenant commanding in his Post in the said Regiment, and that he remained a Prisoner on Parole to the conclusion of the war.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the aforesaid Judge

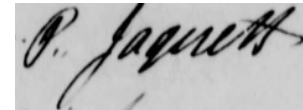
[signed] John Day



Also before the said Judge, on the day and year before mentioned, personally comes Major Peter Jaquett [sic: Peter Jaquett, pension application S46500], who on his oath duly administered declares: that he is personally well acquainted with Edward Roche, the person who has made and subscribed the within deposition, and that to his certain knowledge the said Edward Roche did serve in the Delaware Regiment as an officer in the Staff and in the line in the time mentioned in the said deposition.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the said Judge.

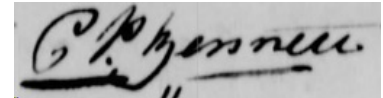
[signed] John Day



Also before the said Judge on the day and year aforesaid personally comes Major Caleb P. Bennett [S35779] who on his solemn affirmation affirms and declares: That he is personally well acquainted with the above named Edward Roche, and that to his certain knowledge the said Edward did serve as an officer of the Delaware Regiment both in the Staff and line in the time and manner in his deposition mentioned.

Affirmed to and subscribed before me the said Judge.

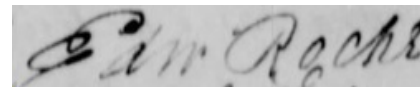
[signed] John Day



And on this sixth day of April 1818 before the said Judge came the aforesaid Edward Roche, and on his solemn oath declares that from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support and that the Commission he held is not now in existence.

Sworn to and subscribed as above before the said Judge.

[signed] John Day



[On 25 Aug 1818 Edward Roche was issued a certificate for a pension of \$20 per month.]

On the twenty Second day of June 1820 Personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of the State of Delaware being a Court of Record and so expressly made and expressly declared by the act of the General Assembly of said State, which created the said Court Edward Roche aged upwards of Sixty Six years resident in the Borough of Wilmington County of New Castle, in said District, who being first duly Sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows to Wit in the Delaware Regiment as will appear by the original declaration made by me to the department of War, dated the 24th day of March 1818 whereon Certificate of Pension No. 2288 was issued. And I Do Solemnly Swear, that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the Land and naval service of the United State in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property securities contracts or Debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to Wit

one Bond for 500 Dollars desperate

one note for 50 Dollars almost hopeless

Real property none

Public Stock none

Bank Stock none

one old walnut Desk and Book Case

one old walnut cased 8 day clock

one arm chair

3 old windsor chairs

one old pine Desk

one pine Book Case

one pine writing Table

one Iron nine plate Stove

The remains of a Set of mathematical Instruments

one small mahogany Box, containing my Notarial Seal

penknives, pencils, & instruments for Drawing & Drafting

Two volumes of the Laws of the United States

eight volumes of the Laws of Delaware

Graydon's Justice

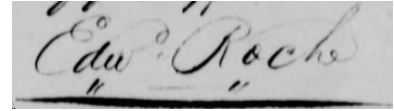
Blackstone's Commentaries Small edition conductor Generalis, Abbot on Shipping, Kidd on exchange, Bankrupt Law by Cooper, Dictionaries, Grammars, and a Variety of old Books, pamphlets, Drafts, Sketches, drawings, and Black forms, unnecessary I hope to enumerate and I verily believe that these, together with what is above inumerated would not now bring if exposed to Sale more that one Hundred dollars if so much.

Income none Certain

My occupation is that of a Conveyancer and Draftsman, I hold the Commission of Notary Public. I am also commissioned as a Justice of Peace. this commission will expire in the month of February next. the income for the last year accruing from these altogether, was not more than one hundred and fifty Dollars, as near as I can estimate. what they may produce this year is uncertain, I am yet competent to perform the duties of these several offices, but there is very little business now to do in that way and from my age it is very uncertain whether I can continue in ability to perform it, were it wanted to be done.

My family with whom I reside consists of two Daughters, two orphan grandchildren, Daughters of my eldest Son, and a white bound Servant girl. My eldest Daughter is of full age and is named Eliza Maria. My younger Daughter is named Marietta. She is also of full age. My eldest Grand Daughter is named

Eliza. She is about six years of age. My youngest Grand daughter is named Mary and is about four years old. The servant Girl is named Mary Ann, and is aged about 16 years She is bound to my Daughters. My Daughters keep a small shop, in which they make and vend millinery and are striving, and make no doubt, will make a living for themselves. My Grand Daughters are dependent on their aunts and myself for support.



War Department,/ PENSION OFFICE/ 10 July 1820.

SIR, You are hereby informed that the Secretary of War does not, on account of the amount of your property, consider you entitled to a Pension under the Acts of the 18th March, 1818, and 1st May, 1820; and has, therefore, directed our name to be stricken from the Pension List.

I am, respectfully,/ Your obedient servant, [signed] J. L. Edwards [Pension Commissioner]
[See endnote]

Wilmington Del. July 18 1820

To the honorable J. C. Calhoun Esqr/ Secretary of War.

Sir Believing that some mistake, or oversight, has occasioned my receiving the enclosed from the war department; I beg leave respectfully to return it.

It is given as a reason for striking my name of the Pension list "the amount of my Property"!!!! In the Schedule to which I was sworn in open Court It did not appear that my property, was worth more than one hundred Dollars; and I am very conscious that all I possess if exposed to sale, would not produce that Sum.

Will the honorable Secretary be so good as to examine once more the copy of my Schedule. I think he will find, that altho the list of articles may appear long, they are of little value. The Copy I have never seen, it was transmitted to you by the Court, without my knowledge. perhaps there may be some error in it. If it is not contrary to the rules of your office I should be much pleased you would return the Schedule, or a Copy of it to me. I am very respectfully/ your most obed't Serv't



Wilmington Del/ Sept 6 1852

F E Hassler Esq

D'r Sir Please to Examine and see of Edward Roche has any Claim on the government, he was Lt and pay Master on the Del Regement in the Revolutonary War. Yours &c James S Roche

NOTE: In most cases \$200 in property was considered the threshold for dropping a pension.