

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elhanan John W3260

Catharine John

f14VA

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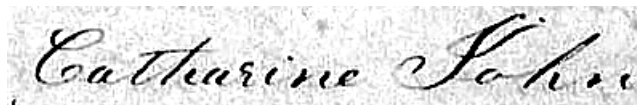
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State of Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia

On this 22nd day of September in the year 1848 personally appeared before me the undersigned an Alderman for the City and State above mentioned Catharine John, a resident of Pennsylvania in the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania aged 34 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 and July 15th 1848: That she is the widow of Elhanan John who was a private in the Company C. Commanded by Captain Bankhead in the Regiment of Virginia Volunteers and that Anna Jane John aged 13, Edwin John aged 12 years, Martha John aged 10 years, Milton John aged 8 years, Annetta John aged 5 years and Mary John aged 4 years, all the only surviving Children of the said Elhanan John Deceased –

She further declares that she was married to the said Elhanan John on the 23rd day of October in the year 1834 that her husband the aforesaid Elhanan John died in Monterey in Mexico on or about the 26 day of June 1847; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Catharine John



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Surgeon General's Office May 22nd, 1849

Sir,

From the Official Report of Surgeon T. C. Madison U.S. Army it appears that E. Johns private Company C Virginia Volunteers died at Monterey Mexico on the 28th day of June 1847 of Chronic Dysentery.

From the nature of the disease I am of opinion it was contracted in the line of his duty.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

By order

H. L. Heiskell

Surgeon U. S. A.

J. L. Edwards Esquire

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington DC

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$3.50 per annum commencing June 28, 1847 for her husband service as a private in the Virginia service.]

[Note although this document is indexed among the revolutionary war claims, it seems inconceivable to me that a man young enough to have been serving in the war with Mexico in 1847 could have possibly been a veteran of the revolutionary war. I believe, therefore, that this file has been erroneously included among the revolutionary war pensioners when it should have been included among the pension records applicable to the Mexican-American war. This view is reinforced by the very unusual amount of the pension granted to this widow. I have never seen any revolutionary war pensioner who received only \$3.50 per annum.]