

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Etherington (Eatherton) W4670 Susan Etherington VA  
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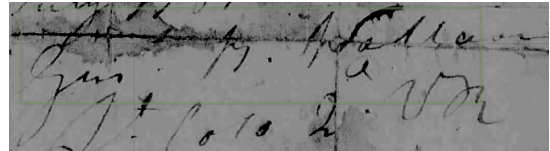
At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 6th day of April 1818.  
John Etherington of Spotsylvania County came into Court and made oath that he enlisted in this County under Captain Gustavus B Wallace [Gustavus Brown Wallace] of the 3rd Virginia regiment on the Continental establishment and served three years and upwards in the revolutionary war, and produced to the Court a certificate from the said Gustavus B Wallace, and one from John Blackwell who was a captain in the said regiment setting forth that he was a soldier in the said regiment. And he further declares on oath that from his reduced circumstances he stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

[The discharge is much damaged.]

[illegible word] Nov'r 26 1783

This is to certify that Jno Etherington enlisted in the 3<sup>d</sup> V R on Continental establishment in My Comp'y. for three years from [illegible] 1777 was taken at Ch's. town [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] and discharged at Wmb'g. [Williamsburg] in July 1781

Gus B. Wallace/ Lt. Colo 2<sup>d</sup> VR

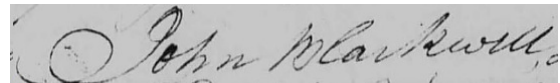
A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive, which appears to be "Gus B. Wallace". The ink is dark and the paper is aged and slightly stained.

I do certify that John Etherington was a soldier in the 3<sup>d</sup> Virgi'a. Reg't. on Continental establishment during the revolution, and served part of the time for which he was inlisted in my Company of the said Reg't. and was captured at Charles Ton, his conduct as a soldier was meritorious and deserved the particular attention of his Country, to the best of my recollection there was another man of the same name in Wallace's Company, which Company the above named John Etherington served part of his time.

Given under my hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day August 1812

John Blackwell Late Capt. 3<sup>d</sup> Virgi'a. Reg't.

Cont'l. Estab.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive, which appears to be "John Blackwell". The ink is dark and the paper is aged.

At a Court Continued and held for Spotsylvania County the 7th day of June 1820  
District of Virginia Sct.

On this 7th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record by the laws of the state John Etherington aged sixty eight years resident in Spotsylvania County 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 That about the month of August 1777 he enlisted as a soldier for the term of three years in Captain Gustavus B. Wallace's Company of the third Virginia Regiment commanded by Col John Heath [sic: William Heth] of the Virginia line that he faithfully served his time and was discharged by Col Gustavus B. Wallace at Charlestown in the month of July 1781 that he was in a battle at Charlestown [sic: siege of Charleston, spring 1780], his original declaration was made before the Court on Spotsylvania County in the state aforesaid on the 6th day of April 1818 his pension certificate in No 1352 and dated the 24th day of July 1818 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 thereby 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 States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or 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 hundred and thirty acres of poor land, One horse, three Cows and two yearlings, nine sheep, one plow and one harrow, four hoes One axe, one cart, one sow and six shoats my occupation is cultivating the aforesaid land. My family consists of my wife only who is about fifty seven years of age.

John hisXmark Etherington

[On 4 Nov 1823 Etherington made a new pension application similar to the preceding, stating that he had been dropped from the pension roll because he owned too much property. His new schedule of property was as follows:]

130 acres of poor land one horse one Cow and calf, one sow and six shoats three sheep one axe two hoes one plow one harrow one old Cart that since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property vizt;

Description of property & to whom sold.	Time of sale	Amt. of money or description of property received in return.
One Cow to Ed. Holladay	fall of 1822	\$14
One yearling to a Butcher	d[itt]o	\$10 laid out in corn meat &c
One Cow to Austin Sandidge	do	\$15

six shoats killed for the use of myself and wife at different times  
 six sheep three killed for same use and three died. Two hoes paid to a man for cutting fire wood. And further that the occupation of him the said Etherington is that of a farmer that S. E. Etherington his wife aged about sixty years resides with him that from their old age and infirmities they are unable to support themselves by cultivation of the land before described and that the value of the property now held by him is as follows

130 acres of land. . . . . \$260.—  
 1 horse \$20 Cow and calf \$7. . . . . 27.—  
 sow and 6 shoats \$4 3 sheep \$3. . . . . 7.—  
 Plantation utensils. . . . . 10.—  
\$304.00

amounting in the whole to Three hundred and four dollars and further that from the effect of his wound and infirmities he is at times unable to get his fire wood without the assistance of his neighbors. Sworn to and declared on the 4th day of Novr 1823 in Open Court

John hisXmark Etherington

[The pension was restored on 5 Jan 1827, but he evidently did not receive the news before 5 Feb 1827, when he made another similar application with the following schedule of property.]

One hundred and thirty one acres of land @ \$1.75 cents p acre \$170.  
 One horse sixteen years old at \$15. One cart at \$10. 25.  
 One Cow and Calf \$8. two beds and furniture \$15 38.  
 One sow and five pigs \$5 5  
\$238

That since the exhibition of my first schedule the following changes have been made in my property  
 1 tract of land 136 acres no change, 1 horse no change  
 3 Cows and two yearlings all sold but 1 Cow to buy provisions 9 sheep sold for the same purpose as above 1 plough & harness sold for the same purpose 4 hoes and one axe 1 cart the hoes and axe sold for the same purpose as above 1 sow and six shoats not sold  
 Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court

John X [his mark] Etherington

NOTE:

The file contains an undated petition for the restoration of the pension of John Etherington, which was signed by 87 or his neighbors.

On 24 April 1841 Susan Etherington, 67, applied for a pension stating that she married John Etherington early in 1781, as estimated from the birth of her oldest child, Benjamin, born on 6 Jan 1782, and that her husband died "the last of 1830 or the first of 31." On 9 June 1841 Susan Etherington added that "she was married in at the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] at the house of her sister (who was then married to the Brother of her deceased husband)" shortly after he returned from service, and that he afterwards returned to service.

The file contains an original family record on blank spaces of a New Testament, listing the births of children Benjamin, John, Henry, James, and Frances. In the transcription below, \* indicates a tear in the paper. One page of mostly scribbling is inscribed "Benjamin Eatherton his testament June 6 1786." In response to a query from the Pension Office for the address to which the Bible should be returned, the Postmaster of Mt Pleasant in Spotsylvania County stated that "there is a grand son of John Edington near this place by the name of John B Edington the son of Bengaman Edington."

Johann[?] Eatherton son of Benjamin [rest illegible]  
Benjamin Eatherton s [\*] was Folded the third Day of june [year illegible]  
B[\*] Was born the [illegible] of 1782  
John Eatherton son of John Eatherton & his his wife was born April ye 2, 1787  
Henry Eather[\*] son of John Eatherton [\*] Sucky his wife was born November 30<sup>th</sup> 1788  
James Eatherton son of Jno. Eatherton and [\*] his wife was born [\*] the 17<sup>th</sup> 1791[?]  
Benjamin Eatherton his hand writing [rest of page illegible]  
Benjamin Eatherton his  
James Eatherton  
Testament June  
August 15 1811  
6 1796 Anno Dominni I will Bless good boy  
Benjamin Eatherton Was born the Eare of 1782  
John Etherton, his his Colt folded the 12 of [\*] 1802 [illegible word]  
[illegible] Eatherton bought a Colt of william Halladay [\*]  
John Eatherton was married the 2 day of June 1818 and Sally Blades his wife John Eatherton  
Benjamin Eather[\*] Was born the Six Day of January 1782  
Benjamin Eatherton son of John Eatherton and Suckkey his wife was born January the 6 [\*]  
Frances Eatherton daughter of John Eath[\*] \* Suckey his wife was born December ye 21 1784[?]  
ThomasAshmon Acors you and Thomas Ashmon Ac I am a made that wold marrow if I Culde  
Cear Thomas Acus  
Benjamin Eatherton  
August 30 1805  
Henry Edenton D[?]ter  
John Edenton Colte was folded  
Joh Eathertons Coalt foalded the 20 of September  
20<sup>th</sup> Day of apriel 1797  
Benjamin Eatherton  
John Eathertons Coalt was foalded 11<sup>th</sup> Day of Apriel 1799  
John Eatherton Cold was Foalded the 12 day of may 1802  
Benjamin Eatherton