

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Thrower W6266

Sarah Thrower

f39NC

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### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7 July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows

Special Inferior Court

State of Georgia, Walton County} SS

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845 personally appeared before the Honorable the Inferior Court held in and for the County aforesaid the same being a Court of record Mrs. Sarah Thrower a resident of said County and State aged Eighty years past – who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows. That she is the widow of Benjamin Thrower who was a Soldier and served in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia. That she can state nothing further of her own knowledge and knows of no person living who can give a narrative of her husband's services other than Joel Etheridge<sup>1</sup> of Crawford County Georgia whose statement she refers to for proof of her said husband's Services. That she has no Documentary evidence in her possession of the fact further the [sic, than the] Comptrollers Certificate. And deponent further states that the said Benjamin Thrower died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1820 in Wilkerson County State of Georgia. And deponent further declares that she was legally married to the said Benjamin Thrower on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783 in Halifax County – State of North Carolina by Matthew Rabun a Justice of the Peace. That she was born in the year 1764 as she has always understood and believes and was married in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of her age on the day and month aforesaid and resided in Halifax County until her third child was born and removed from there to South Carolina from thence to Georgia Putnam County from thence [to] Jasper from thence to Wilkerson County – all of the State of Georgia where her said husband died on the day aforesaid leaving her as his widow. That she has no Documentary evidence in support of the foregoing statements her family Bible having been destroyed as she is informed. That she has remained a widow ever since the period of her husband's death that she was not married prior to her husband's last service But was married prior to the first day of January 1794 the is at the time above stated all of which will more fully appear by reference to proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Sarah Thrower, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court on the day above named.

Attest: S/ W. W. Norrill, Clk

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1 [Joel Etheredge \(Etherdige\) R3375](#)

[p 5: Benjamin Thrower, 42, son of Benjamin and Sarah gave a supporting affidavit. Stated, among other things, that the family register had been removed from the family Bible and destroyed some years ago

*Benj. Thrower*

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[p 6: William Pike, 68, of Walton County, Ga., gave an affidavit supporting the fact of marriage of Sarah to Benjamin; ditto, Samuel Williams, 59, of Walton County]

[p 22: NC Comptroller's Certificate:

State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William S. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit:

Benjamin Thrower  
Book C. No. 17 page 5 £105 specie  
" " " " 67 £120 " "  
" " " " 89 £9 " "

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of November  
A.D. 1852.

*Wm. S. Clarke Compt.*

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State of Georgia, Crawford County

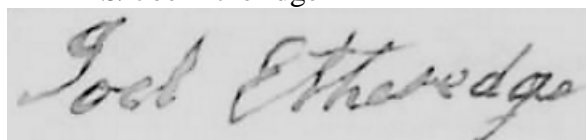
Be it known that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1844 before me Patrick M. Calhoun a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joel Etheridge a resident of said County and State aged Eighty-Two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement. That he was acquainted with Benjamin Thrower from his boyhood. That he entered the service in Company with Benjamin Thrower sometime during the year 1780, that both he and said Benjamin Thrower entered the service at the same time, as North Carolina Militia under the Command of Captain John Williams. The Regiment command by Colonel Sowell [Benjamin Seawell], that deponent and Benjamin Thrower, both entered the service from Halifax County in the State of North Carolina and served a three months tour, and at the end of said tour said Benjamin Thrower was honorably discharged

during which tour or term of service, they the said Etheridge and Benjamin Thrower rendezvoused at Franklin in the County of Halifax North Carolina, from thence they marched through Wake Court house, now Raleigh, thence to Salisbury in the County of Rowan thence to Charlotte in the County of Mecklenburg all of which latter places are in the State of North Carolina, after passing through Charlotte they were stationed near said place, until our tour of service expired and that said Benjamin Thrower received from his Captain an honorable written discharge, deponent further states that said Benjamin Thrower entered the service afterwards as a Militia Man from said State of North Carolina and as he believes served a second term of three months, and as he understood at that time and as his recollection serves him now, that the said Thrower was honorably discharged. That said Thrower marched from the State of North Carolina, to the State of South Carolina, and from thence to the State of Georgia where he died.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Patrick M. Calhoun, JP

S/ Joel Etheridge

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Etheridge".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$29.31 per annum commencing March 4, 1836, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]