

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Edleman (Eddleman)<sup>1</sup> W7085 Dica Edleman f66NC  
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

On this \_\_\_ day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Order Sessions held for said County of Lincoln Peter Edleman -- a private Soldier in the Revolutionary war -- and a resident in the said County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law -- doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the County of Bucks -- that he was removed to the State of North Carolina, Rowan County, when he was about ten [could be two] years old -- he remained in said County of Rowan until after the close of the revolutionary war from thence he removed to the County of Lincoln & has resided in the County of Lincoln ever since -- that he has a record of his age in his family Bible -- that according to said record & as he was informed by his mother he was born on the 14th day of November 1764 -- that he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier & as a substitute for his brother-in-law Leonard Cifford who had been drafted as a militiaman under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel Matthew Locke & Captain James Craige [James Craig] -- that he served five months under said officers -- but the particular year, month or day when he entered said service, from his advanced age and loss of memory, not now remembered -- that he entered said service in the County of Rowan aforesaid and was thence marched to a place called Purenburgh [sic, Purrysburg] on the Savannah River in South Carolina -- remained there several weeks -- was thence marched to a place called Two Sisters [ferry] where he remained until discharged making out the full term of five months -- that he obtained a written discharge aforesaid service but has lost the same, -- The second tour of duty was performed by him in the following manner, To wit: that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1780 the same year of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] but cannot recollect more precisely, as a private soldier & a substitute in the campaign of that year for Michael Holdshouser who had been drafted for three months -- that he marched from the County of Rowan aforesaid under the command of General Rutherford & immediately under Captain Randleman [John Randleman] & Major Armstrong -- the Colonel's name not now remembered and was marched to the forks of Rocky River & the Yadkin [River] -- crossed the Rocky River & lay there for some time near Goldson's Ferry [sic, Colson's Ferry] -- and then recrossed said River -- then crossed the Yadkin River -- then marched down to Pedee -- then

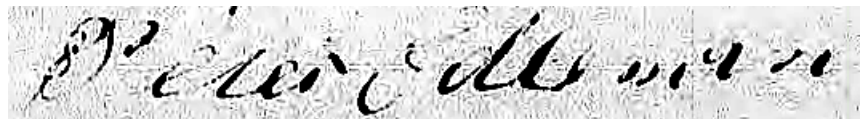
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crossed said River – thence on to Ruchily’s Mill [sic, Rugeley's Mill]; but before arriving there he was taken sick & sent on to the Main Army having belonged to the light infantry. -- The Main Army then moved on to the Gum Swamp about 6 miles North of Camden, with which Army he was carried sick -- sometimes walked as well as he could & sometimes carried in a wagon. -- Soon after he arrived there came on the battle of Camden in which General Gates was defeated -- By the time he got home from the battle of Camden his own tour of service then was two months. -- He obtained a written discharge for the same -- but lost it. After this he entered the third tour of service of the United States as a substitute for the same man (Michael Holdshouser) under General Rutherford. In the campaign he was marched from the County of Rowan aforesaid under Captain Grimminger [Frederick Crimminger] to Wilmington North Carolina -- In this route he marched through the Scotch Settlement passing near where Cheraw now is and aided in taking some Tories prisoners, & guarding the same to Wilmington. When the news of the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] reached Wilmington, he then returned to the Main Army -- & was discharged -- And after being discharged he reached home in seven or eight days -- In this last campaign he served two months & 15 days -- but from advanced age & loss of memory he does not now recollect the particular year, month or day when he entered said service -- but it was in the same year of Cornwallis's surrender -- That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services as above stated -- that he obtained a regular discharge but has lost the same, & he knows of no person within a reasonable distance of his present place of residence now living who served with him in the revolutionary war to prove his services as before stated. He further states that the reason why he has not procured a certificate of a clergyman is that all the persons of that order who were formally acquainted with him are either dead or removed from his neighborhood. -- He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Peter Edleman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Edleman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Philip Stroup and John Sifford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant Peter Edleman

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the State of Pennsylvania & County of Bucks on the 14th day of November 1764.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans: Yes, in our family Bible, which is now in my possession

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: When called into service I was living in the County of Rowan NC and shortly after the close of the revolutionary war I removed from the County of Rowan to the County of Lincoln where I have resided ever since & where I now reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was a substitute in my first term of service for my brother-in-law Leonard Cifford -- And in the second & third tours of service for a certain Michael Holdshouser.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: The names of the regular officers I have stated in the foregoing declaration & the general circumstances of my service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received my first discharge from Captain James Craig in the second tour of service I received no discharge (genl he was [indecipherable word or words]) In my third tour of service I received my discharge from Captain Grimminger both of which are lost  
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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Lincoln said Peter Edleman who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise dates of his services, but according to the best of his recollection and belief, he served not less than the periods mentioned below -- and in the following grades for five months I served as a private & substitute for Leonard Cifford -- for the second tour of my service -- I served two months ~~and 15 days~~ as a private & substitute for Michael Holdshouser -- who was drafted for three months -- In my third tour of service I served as a private in substitute for the same man (Michael Holdshouser) two months and 15 days -- and for such services I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this fourth day of May 1833.

S/ Jno Hoke, JP

S/ Peter Edleman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Edleman". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[p 12: On April 20, 1853, in Lincoln County, NC, Dica Eddleman [sic], 52, filed for a widows pension under the act of February 3, 1853 stating that she is the widow of Peter Edleman a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$31.66 per annum; that she married him in the spring of 1830 day not recollected; that he died May 20th 1847 in Gaston County, NC. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On April 21, 1855 in Gaston County North Carolina, Dica Eddleman, 55, filed for her bounty land entitlement saying that she is the widow of Peter Eddleman, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in March 1830 in Lincoln County North Carolina; that they were married by David Hinkel, a minister, and that her name prior to her marriage was Dica Cliffird [sic, Dica Clifford?<sup>2</sup>]; That her husband died in Gaston County May 20, 1847 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 30: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Lincoln County North Carolina March 25, 1830 to Peter Eddleman and John White conditioned upon the marriage of Peter Edleman to Dica Clifford of said County.]

[p 52: On March 25, 1868 in Gaston County North Carolina, the widow, aged 66, applied for the

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<sup>2</sup> Her maiden name is variously given as Cifford, Sifford, Clifford

reinstatement of her pension benefit following the Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 9 a half months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]