

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Eggleston ¹ W8687 Judith C. Eggleston

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In the County Court of Amelia County in the State of Virginia, November 23rd, 1848.

On motion of Judith C Eggleston, in her proper person, leave is granted her, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 29th of July 1848, she being first duly sworn, according to law, in open Court, to make a declaration in the words and figures following; namely:

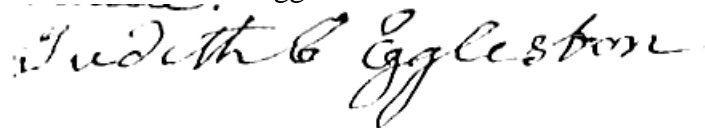
That she, the said Judith C Eggleston, is the widow of Joseph Eggleston deceased; that she is a resident of Amelia County in the State of Virginia, and is aged Eighty-two years. That said County of Amelia was the residence of said Joseph Eggleston during his life and that he died therein. That said Joseph Eggleston was an officer in the Revolutionary War, and entered the Army as a Volunteer, as she was informed and believes, while he was a student at William and Mary College, in the Town of Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, not very long after the commencement of the Revolutionary struggle, but at what particular date she does not know. That said Joseph Eggleston entered the Army as a Lieutenant, was subsequently promoted to be a Captain, and subsequently to be a Major of Cavalry; in all which Offices he served at different times, but she does not know the dates of these respective promotions. That said Joseph Eggleston served in one or the other of these offices during the Revolutionary War, and was a Major when discharged at the close of the War; but at what particular time he was so discharged she does not know. That she does not know the Company or Regiment in which he served or to which he was attached; but she was informed and believes that he served in what was known as "Lee's Legion." That she was informed and believes that said Joseph Eggleston was engaged in several battles, and particularly that he fought in the battle of Utah [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] and also she thinks at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], and that she is not informed of the Country through which he marched. That most of these facts, she believes will appear by reference to the histories of the War and to the public records, such of which as can now be procured, she will cause to be produced to sustain this declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Eggleston on the 8th day of May in the year 1796 as more fully appears by the marriage Bond filed in the Clerk's Office of

¹ BLWt675-400 Major Issued Aug. 10, 1789 to Richard Platt assignee No Papers. The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the offices of the War Department along with the papers filed there were destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed. Further, pension and bounty land papers generated between the fire of 1800 and 1814 were lost when the British burned Washington DC on August 14, 1814.

this Court, a certified copy of which she will cause to be exhibited with this declaration; there being no certificate filed in this office or elsewhere known to her; and that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Eggleston, died in said County of Amelia on the thirteenth day of February in the year 1811; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second of January 1800, viz.: at the time above-stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension. In witness of which declaration she hereunto signed her name.

S/ Judith C Eggleston



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 29th day of June 1782, in the name of Joseph Eggleston as Captain of Cavalry for £126.0.0 which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Ev Meade.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 30th day of November, 1848

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 20th day of August 1783, in the name of Joseph Eggleston as Captain of Cavalry for £407.7.7, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to 1st January 1782.

To wit – pay as Lieutenant in Lee's Legion from 10th April '78 to 1st August '79 & as Captain from 1st August '79 to 31st December 1781.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 30th day of November, 1848

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

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Council Chamber, July 17th 1783.

I do certify that Major Joseph Eggleston is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Major of Cavalry of the Continental line for three year service

S/ Benjamin Harrison

A Warrant for 5333 1/3 acres issued to Major Joseph Eggleston July 17th, 1783 No. 1386.

A Copy from the Records of the Virginia Land office

Teste S/ S. H. Parker, Reg. L. Office

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I Certify upon honor that I have served three years as an Officer in Lee's Legion, & that I was when I entered the service & am now a Citizen of Virginia.

17th July 1783
Jos: Eggleston
Ma: Lee's Legion

Executive department
Richmond Virginia November 30, 1848

The above is a true copy of [2 indecipherable words] paper filed in this Department with the papers upon which Land Bounty has been granted by the Executive to Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution.

S/ Wm H. Richardson, Sec. Com^r

[p 10: A letter February 23, 1878 contains the statement that Mrs. Eggleston died February 19, 1859.]

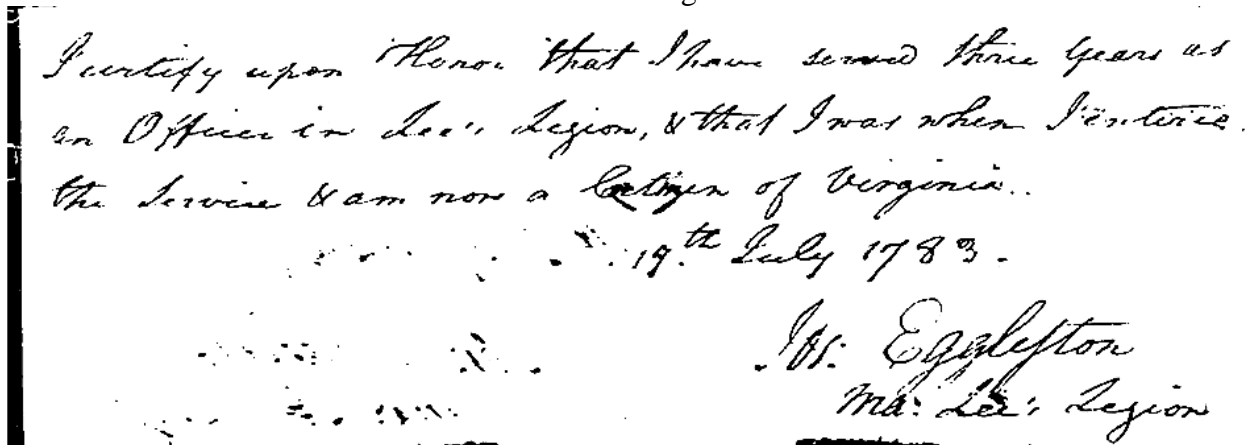
[p 3: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated May 7th, 1896 issued to Joseph Eggleston and Edward Eggleston conditioned upon the marriage of Joseph Eggleston to Judith Cary Eggleston.]

[Veteran's widow was pension at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a captain in the Virginia Continental Cavalry.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 1-page file

I Certify upon Honor that I have served three years as an Officer in Lee's Legion, & that I was when I entered the Service & am now a Citizen of Virginia.

19th July 1783
Jos: Eggleston
Ma: Lee's Legion



I certify upon Honor that I have served three years as an Officer in Lee's Legion, & that I was when I entered the Service & am now a Citizen of Virginia.
19th July 1783.
Jos: Eggleston
Ma: Lee's Legion

[another version]

Transcribed by Fred Weyler
Eggleston Joseph (Judith C) Continental Va

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(p2) Know all access by these presents that we Jos Eggleston and Edward Eggleston are held and firmly _____ unto Robert Brooke Esq provision (?) as chief magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of \$150 dollars current money, to which payment well and surely to be made to the said guardian and his successors for the use of this commonwealth We bind our selves, issues and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bonded Joseph Eggleston and Judith Cary Eggleston If the _____ there be an lawful cause to obstruct the same then this obligation to be void else to remain in force and _____.

State of Virginia
Amelia County Court

+ acceptance by the county by E.G. Leigh clerk as a true copy of the bond,
13th day of September Anno Dom. 808

(p3-4) marriage documents accepted
(p5) Widow's deposition

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On motion of Judith C Eggleston, in her proper person, leave is granted her in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 29th of July 1848, she being first duly sworn according to law, in open court, to make a declaration in the words and figures following: namely:

That she, the said Judith C Eggleston, is the widow of Joseph Eggleston deceased, that she is a resident of Amelia County in the state of Virginia, and is aged eighty two years. That said County of Amelia was the residence of said Joseph Eggleston during his life and that he died therein. That said Joseph Eggleston was an officer in the Revolutionary War, and entered the Army as a Volunteer, as she was informed and believes, while he was a student at William and Mary College, in the town of Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, not very long after the announcement of the Revolutionary struggle, but at what particular date she does not know. That said Joseph Eggleston entered the Army as a Lieutenant, was subsequently promoted to be a Captain, and subsequently to be a Major of Cavalry; in all which offices he serves at different times, but she does not know the dates of these respective promotions. That said Joseph Eggleston served in one or the other of these offices during the Revolutionary War, and was a Major when discharges at the close of the war; but at which particular time he was so discharged she does not know. That she does not know the Company or Regiment in which he served or to which he was attached; but she was informed and believes that he served in what was known as "Lee's Legion". That she was informed and believes that said Joseph Eggleston was engaged in several battles, and particularly that he fought in the battle of Eutaw and aso she thinks at Guilford Court House, and that she is not informed of the country through which he marched. That most of these facts, she believes will appear by reference to the histories of the War and to the public records, such of which as can now be procured, she will cause to be produced to sustain this declaration.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Eggleston on the Eighteenth day of May in the Year one thousand seven hundred (p6) dred (sic) and ninety six (1796), as more fully appears ~~by the certificate~~ of her marriage ~~↑bond↓~~ filed in the clerk's office of this court, a certified copy of which she will cause to be exhibited with this declaration ~~↑there being no certificate filed in this office or elsewhere known to her↓~~ and that her husband, the aforesaid Joseph Eggleston, died in said county of Amelia on the thirteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven (1811); that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second of January eighteen hundred, viz.: at the times above stated, She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension. In witness of which declaration she hereunto signs her name.

s/ Judith C Eggleston

and we Jno H Steger, Martin Foster, Reuben Blanton & Thomas Meaux, justices of the peace in and for said County of Amelia, in County Court sitting, do hereby certify, that on this twenty third day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, the aforesaid Judith C Eggleston, who is a resident of our said County of Amelia, and who we believe to be aged _____ years, as she has declared, did personally appear before us in our court sitting, and being duly sworn, according to law, she did, on her oath, in open court, make and subscribe as the foregoing declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed the 29th day of July 1848. In witness whereof, it is ordered that Egbert G Leigh, Clerk of our said Court do certify this proceeding with the seal of our said court annexed, and we ourselves have hereunto signed our names on the day and year above written; the words "certificate of her" being erased, and the word "Bond" interlined, and also the words "there being no certificate filed in this office or elsewhere known to her" interlined on this page of this declaration, before the said Judith C Eggleston be assigned the same.

Signed

J.P.

Attested:

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(p22 BL Warrat1386, July 17th 1783 5333 1/3 acres under signature of **Benjamin Harrison**)

The heirs of Eggleston carried their plea for the final payment after the death of Judith C Eggleston into the civil war era and brought it before the senate after the war.