Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Etter S46542 VA
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REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS. TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
2 Dec 1828.
John Etter of [blank] in the County of Rutherford in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled “An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution,” approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Barrat’s [sic: William Barret’s, VAS1197] company, in Col Washingtons [William Washington’s] regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office. By order of the Secretary./ F A Dickins.

John Etter a Soldier in the 1st Troop 1st Regiment Light Dragoons has leave of absence from his Regiment untill called for

James Meriwether Lieut
1st Regiment L.D.
Petersburg October 18 1783

State of Tennessee } [7 Apr 1829]
County of Rutherford } I, John Etter aged sixty six years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight I enlisted for the term of “during the war,” and served in the Regiment No. 1st light Dragoons under the command of Colonel Washington of the Virginia line; and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said regiment, commanded by Colonel Washington.

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: therefore [power of attorney follows] John hisXmark Etter

[The following is from bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.]

It appears from the Size Roll of the 1st Troop that John Etter enlisted for the War in Baylor [Col. George Baylor’s] Dragoons Feb’ry 11th 80 & served the full turn of his enlistment

William Barret Capt/ Baylors Dragoons/ Jan’ry 18, 1786