Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to William Eskridge VAS3522
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

At the request of Captain John Balthrope, I certify that it was generally understood in the Revolutionary Army in 1777 that there was a Colonel Eskridge [unknown] of the Virginia Continental Line killed in the Battle of Brandywine, or German Town – I think the latter – tho' not personally acquainted with the Col, nor an eye witness to his death, I have no doubt of the above facts.

John Nicholas late Officer Revol'ry Army Washington Ap 10th 1832

State of Virginia

County of Fauquier to wit

I Rush Hudson [S38064] heir at Law of James Hudson [see William Hudson BLWt1346-200] do upon oath Certify and declare to the best of my knowledge and belefe that my Brother James Hudson did enlist under the command of Captain Kendal in the Regiment No. 10 commanded by Col. Barrett for the term of three years and before that term expired he enlisted for during the war

[The first two paragraphs below relate to William Eskridge W4192.]

From a list of officers of the Virginia line on continental establishment, who received certificates for [undeciphered word] and two years advanced pay agreeably to the act of the Virginia Legislature passed November Session 1781, it appears that William Eskridge was a Lieut. of Infantry; and opposite his name, is inserted the name of his attorney Lieut. Norvell, who received £228 Virginia currency for said Eskridge on the 7th Feb. 1782.

From a List of Officers of said line, who received certificates for the balance of their full pay it it appears that William Eskridge, Leiutenant, received a certificate for £128.16.5, Virginia currency, on the 3^d of April 1783.

From a List of Soldiers and Seamen who received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of the Virginia Legislature, passed November Session 1781, it also appears that William Eskridge was a Midshipman in the State Navy, and received a certificate on the 30th of April 1785, by his attorney Caleb Westfall, for £70.19.3; and from the same List it appears that Edwin Eskridge [VAS3521], Midshipman of the State Navy, received by his attorney John Gordon, on the 15th Dec. 1785, £104.9.0, Virginia currency.

It further appears from the List of the Virginia continental Officers who received certificates for the balance of their full pay, that George Eskridge [W8693], Leiut. of Infantry, received a certificate by his attorney Thos Carnal, on the 10th April 1787, for £12.5.6, Virginia currency

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To capt. Balthrope/ Care of Hon. J S. Tearboro[?]

Wm Eskridge Lieut CL [William Eskridge W4192]

Wm Eskridge Midshipm'n

G Eskridge Lieut CL

These claims may be good but are not sustained by the testimony offered. The investigation [undeciphered word] the Legislation will establish these if good. Disallowed [undeciphered initials] 1833 June 17 Rejected