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Pension Application of Sewell Edinburg (Edinburgh) R13947 VA Half Pay Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 11 Dec 2023.

[The following is the only informative document in the federal file:]

Pension Office/ December 8th 1846

I certify that I have examined the claim of the administrator of the late Sewell Edinburg, who was a Captain in the Virginia State Artillery during the revolution, and I find that he served 'till the 6th of February 1782, and that the case is embraced by the provisions of the act of the 5th of July 1832. It further appears that he died at the close of the year 1801. I therefore am of the opinion that the claim should be allowed at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum from the sixth of February seventeen hundred and eighty two, to the first of September eighteen hundred and one; and that the amount is payable to Frederick Vincent, attorney of Richard A. Barron, of Henrico County, Virginia, administrator of Sewell Edinburg, deceased. Commissioner of Pensions

Approved/ Secretary of War.

[From Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com.]

Elizabeth City County to wit:

Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid personally appeared Miss Courtney Brough, an ancient and respectable Maiden Lady of said County and well known to me to be fully entitled to full faith and Credit, And being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that she was acquainted with Sewel Edinburg, who was a Captain of Artillery in the State troops of Virginia, during the War of the Revolution, and whom deponent frequently saw in the town of Hampton recruiting men during said war. Her recollection of Captain Edinburg, is more fully impressed upon her mind, from the fact that James Marshall [X931] the father of the present Mrs. Collier, was the Lieutenant of said Company. The deponent has always understood that the said Capt. Edinburg resided at the time stated in Henrico County Virginia, near the dividing line of King William. She remembers that after the close of the War the said Edinburg went to England on a visit, and subsequently died in said county [country?] to the best of her recollection knowledge and belief somewhere about the close of the year 1801. Deponent is not aware of his having left any last will and testament, but to the best of her recollection, as she verily believes he died intestate. Deponent further states that Mrs. Elizabeth Donaldson, is the only relation that the said Edinburg ever had in this Country, and is his only surviving heir, so far as she knows and verily believes [30 March 1845] Courtney herXmark Brough

[From rejected claims in the Library of Virginia. The quality of the image is poor.]

To his Excellency the Governor and Executive Council of the State of Virginia [received 28 Feb 1847] The Memorial and Petition of R. C. Barron adm'r of Sewel Edinburgh for and in behalf of the surviving heirs and legal representatives of said Edinburgh respectfully represent, that the said Edinburgh entered the service of Virginia, early in the War of the Revolution and was in the year 1778[?] duly Commissioned a Lieutenant and subsequently Commissioned a Captain in Colo Thomas Marshall's Regiment of Artillery during the said war, and was retained as a supernumerary [without sufficient troops for a command], [two illegible words] served in that capacity until the close of the war. Your Petitioner represents, that the Land Bounty, promised under the laws and acts of the Commonwealth of Virginia to her officers and soldiers for services in the War of the Revolution, has never been received either in his life time or since his death, and as the same is still justly and rightfully due, he humbly prays, that your Excellency will cause his claim to be duly investigated and enquired into, and cause a warrant to issue for his Military Bounty Land as authorised by Law, Conforming to the Rank due a Captain of Artillery in the Virginia Continental Line, for his services throughout the whole War. Your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray &c [illegible first name and initial] Vincent Council and Atty in fact of the heirs.