Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Eddy W14105 Sarah Walker¹
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[image 715] State of Rhode Island County of Providence} Sc

On this 11th day of February 1839 personally appeared before me Eli Aylsworth, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid which is a court of record, Sarah Walker a resident of the town of Scituate in the County of Providence aged 81 years, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836 entitled "An act granting have paid to widows or orphans &c" and the act in amendment thereof passed in March 1837 that she is the widow of Abraham Walker, deceased, to whom she was married on the 24th day of July A.D. 1830 that said Abraham deceased on the 17th day of September A.D. 1835 since which time she has continued unmarried: that on the 9th day of November A.D. 1778 she was married to John Eddy late of Foster deceased, with whom she lived, and raised up a large family of Children that said John died on the 30th day of November A.D. 1823 that said John was a soldier and Marine in the Revolutionary war, and served as a private in the Rhode Island militia and on board the Frigate *Providence*² as follows – In December 1776 he was one who turned out and mustered in Warwick where he was stationed for one month in Capt. Jeremiah Davis Company in Col. John Waterman's Regiment, In July 1777 he was Drafted for a term of one month which he served out at said Warwick in Capt. Jeremiah Davis's Company in Col. John Waterman's Regiment, this tour ended about the 20th of August; he also served a month and a half at Tiverton and Little Compton, in Capt. Simeon Harrington's Company in Col. Barton's Regiment this term ended about the first of November; he was drafted

See also: https://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=2421

¹ former widow

² Providence, 28 guns, 1777-1780. GWA: 701, ND3:90, 902, ND4:1194, ND5:367, 1172, ND6:1399, ND7:1304, ND8:28, ND9:922, ND10:823, Capt Samuel Tomkins, mid 1776. Connor: 167 fn (1878), Buel: 87, Smith:80, 170, 245, 249, ND11:723, DaviesXIII:71, Fowler:107-110, Continental Navy frigate, 28 guns, Capt Abraham Whipple in 1777, operated in English waters in 1778. FW3: 836, Smith: 247, SchV: 54, Blatchford: 101, this frigate was placed at the harbor entrance to protect Charleston in 1780, but was later captured there 12 May 1780. C333-334, it had been the flagship for Capt Abraham Whipple. Manley: 95, it was put in service in the British navy, then sold 14 Mar 1784. Ford 1778: 29, 1779:1342, Ford1780: 584. JA5: 126, 6: 358, 7: 150, 8:28, 9: 224, others. Davies XIII: 71ii. Volo: 90, 91, 132, Silverstone: 3. Paullin: 516, served 1775-1779. Chapelle: 73, 96. Coggins 203, https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough/20List% 20P.html

for said tour, and was in Genl. Spencer's expedition in the year 1777. In 1778 he was Drafted for a tour of one month which he served out at Bristol, in Capt. Jonathan Knight's Company in Col. William West's regiment, this commenced the last of June & ended the last of July: he served a tour as a substitute in August 1778 at Newport, under Capt. Isaac Hopkins in Col. West's Regiment; this was a tour of one month during Genl. Sullivan's expedition: In December 1778 he was Drafted for a tour of one month, he marched to Providence where he was stationed in Capt. Conner Smith's Co. in Col. John Mathewson's Regiment for the whole month: In June 1779 he was again Drafted & marched to Howland's Ferry, where he was stationed for one month in Capt. Samuel Wilbur's Company, in Col. Chad Brown's Regiment. In September 1779 he enlisted on board the Frigate *Providence* which cruised from Boston to New York he served till the 11th of July 1780 as Marine on board said Frigate in March 1781 he enlisted in Capt. Jonathan Knight's Company & marched to Newport where he served for one month under said Knight, in Col. Stephen Rinebull's [sic, Stephen Kimball's?] Regiment – that said Eddy at the time he entered on all said tours of service he resided in Scituate, but what is now Foster – and that she has no documentary evidence of the service in the militia, but annexes such proof of the marine service: with such affidavits as she has been able to procure as to the militia service – She further states that she never knew until within a few weeks as she could claim a pension as the widow of said Eddy, but believed her marriage to Walker would cut her all – that she has never been married otherwise, than before herein stated: that the pre-going facts are all stated according to her best knowledge and belief: and that they will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed – that she has no record of her said marriage.

Sarah Walker, X her mark

[image 718: Affidavit certified February 11th 1839 in Providence County Rhode Island given by Jarvis Eddy in support of his mother's application; certifying the family record of the births of his brothers and sisters commencing with Peleg Eddy.

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Levi Smith 1813 Peleg Eddy Was Born February the 2nd Day A. D. 1779 Thomas Eddy was Born May the 5th A. D. 1781 Nathan Eddy Was Born March the 7th A. D. 1783

Daniel Eddy Was Born March the 6th Day A. D. 1785

Jarvis Eddy Was Born April the 10th Day A. D. 1787

Peter Eddy was Born June the 15^{th will} Day A. D. 1789

Mary Eddy was Born august the 13 Day A. D. 1792

Garner Eddy Was Born December the 8 Day A. D. 1795

Anna [?] Eddy was Born Décor [December] 8 1798

[image 742: On March 11, 1839 in Windham County, Conn. Edwin Hill, 80, gave testimony that Sarah Walker is his sister; that he saw her married to John Eddy on November 9, 1778 by Esquire Bradford of Plainfield, Conn. Loward Hill

[Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Sarah Hill; she was the daughter of Daniel Hill and was married in her father's house and Plainfield Connecticut. See John Eddy's affidavits in support of the claims of Elisha Aldrich W20811; and Christopher Smith S39845.]

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[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$48.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her former husband's service as a marine in the Rhode Island Navy and private in the militia for 14 months and 12 days.]