

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Etheridge (Etherage, Etherdidge) R3376 Mary Etheridge f25NC
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State of Tennessee, Blount County

Be it remembered that at this day came John Etheridge a Citizen and resident of and in said County who says he is and appears to be upwards of 81 years of age before me James Turk presiding justice of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions in and for the said County which Court is a Court of record and the said John Etheridge being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," to wit: That he the said John Etheridge enlisted near the time of the battle between Fort Sullivan [June 28, 1776] Fort Johnston and the Shipping under Captain Henry Dixon of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line: that he served three years under said Dixon who being advanced to a Major, the said deponent then served about one year under Captain James Reid [James Read]; who being advanced to pay master, he the said deponent then served under Captain Peter Becott [Peter Bacot] and the balance of seven years wanting two months at which time the said deponent states he was honorably discharged; the certificate of which discharge has been lost, or so mislaid that the said deponent does not know where it is. That his Regiment was alternately commanded by Thomas Clark Colonel -- Major Murphy [Hardy Murfree] and Colonel Ach. Litely [Archibald Lytle]. That this deponent served as a soldier during the term of seven years wanting two months as before stated against the common enemy of the United States, the "British," That this deponent knows of no person in the bounds of this State that was present with him during any part of said Term of Service and that he has no further or better evidence in his power to produce them the affidavit of Major James Houston¹ herewith accompanying. That he claims no pension from the United States or any of them otherwise than under the late act of the Congress of the United States above mentioned and that from his reduced circumstances and in ability to labor, arising from age and wounds received while in the service of his County [sic, Country], he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

The above declaration subscribed in Sworn to this 6 day of June 1818 before me.

S/ James Turk

S/ John Etherdidge, X his mark

State of Tennessee Blount County

Be it remembered that this day came Major James Houston a respectable witness of the County aforesaid before me the above named James Turk and being duly sworn deposeth and

¹ [James Houston S1914](#)

saith that he has been acquainted with the above named John Etheridge for a long time and from his knowledge of his character believes the above statements to be true.

S/ J. Houston



Be it remembered that on the fourth day of August in the year of our Lord 1820 -- Personally appeared in Open Court, To wit the Circuit Court of Blount County being a Court of Record for said County John Etherage aged Eighty-four years or thereabouts resident in said Blount County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that, he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows, To wit he enlisted for three years under Captain Henry Dixon, of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line, Continental Establishment and was returned for service during the war, and served until peace was established and was discharged at the establishment of peace, after having faithfully served that time, but has lost his discharge, he was wounded in the knee and face split open and bayoneted through his left side[?] into his body, at Monmouth battle [June 28, 1778] -- He has received a pension under the Act of Congress 18th of March 1818 his original Declaration was made on or about the 6th June 1818 -- his pension Certificate is dated the 20th day of October 1818 and numbered 3748 --And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, To wit one cow & calf nine hogs one bed and furniture two pots one oven, one spider, one little cythe two beds stands two old wheels two hoes one ax one loom one grindstone, one drawing knife, one Bible, one Psalter, and some Cupboard furniture & one plough -- Total amount in value \$50 --

S/ John Etherage, X his mark

my family consists of my wife aged sixty years, & myself as above stated both very infirm, I am no tradesman but have my living by farming on rented land

Sworn to and declared on in open Court August 4th 1820

S/ A. Shelton, Clerk

S/ John Etherage, X his mark

[p 13: On April 3, 1843, in Davidson County Tennessee, Mary Etheridge a resident of Nashville in the County of Davidson in the State of Tennessee filed a declaration seeking a widow's benefit under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Etheridge, a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services; that she married him on March 7, 1780 in Halifax County North Carolina about one half mile from Enfield old courthouse at the house of Colonel Bradford, a justice of the peace; that John Etheridge was then in service and got permission from his Captain to stay home 10 days after the marriage; "... She thinks it was called the North Carolina first Regiment they were as well as she recollects under Colonel Thomas Clark

Colonels Lytle and Dixon were attached to the Army. There were also Generals Hogun [James Hogun] and Sumner [Jethro Sumner] and afterwards General Green [Nathanael Greene]. The said John Etheridge was first enlisted at Wilmington by Colonel Henry Dixon but at that time a recruiting officer Her husband served under Captain Peasebycott [sic ?]² the first of his service but afterwards served under Captain Read his first Lieutenant's name was George Cook her husband waited on him in his dying moments and during his sickness they had both been taken prisoners at the Siege of Charlestown [May 12, 1780] her husband the said John Etheridge was detained as a prisoner until exchanged he never returned home until after the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] and the British Army. He had been wounded twice once in the arm and side by a bayonet and above the right eye by the butt end of a musket..."; that her husband died December 12, 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17 William Hill, NC Secretary of State certifies that the muster roll of NC Continental Line reflect "John Etheridge" as a private in Dixon's company in the 1st Regt. commanded by Col. Thomas Clark as of 1777.

Names & Rank	Companies	Dates of Commission & Discharge	Rank	Occurrences
1 st Regiment Thomas Clark Colonel				
John Etheridge pt. Dixon's 1777 W.				
State of N. Carolina Secretary's Office 15 th Oct. 1818.				
This is to Certify that the above is a true abstract from the Musterroll of the N. Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War.				
Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above W. Hill Secretary of State.				

[p 24, transfer of benefits requested by Etheridge as he has moved to Nashville, Tenn., dated March 29, 1825, and wishes his pension paid at the West Tenn. Agency instead of the East Tenn.

² Captain Peasebycott

Agency.

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[The widow's claim must have been rejected, probably for failing to adequately prove her marriage to the veteran, but the file is unclear as to why her claim was not allowed.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 6, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]