Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Edge W4946
Transcribed by Fred Weyler

Nancy Edge

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Edge, John

(Nancy)

W4946 and BLWt 11408-160-55

(p6 declaration signed by John Edge is illegibly faint. [Text in italics was added by Will Graves]

State of Ohio Belmont County: SS

Before me Edward [illegibly faint] one of the associate Judges in & for said County personally came John Edge who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he first enlisted in the Revolutionary war some time near the commencement of said war that he cannot recollect the particular date – that the term of his enlistment was for one year Morgan Alexander was his Captain's name George [text too faint to discern] and Marquis Calomes [Marquis Calmes] [indecipherably faint word], Colonel Green commanded the Regiment – and shortly after his first years enlistment expired he then enlisted for three years under Thomas Blackwell Captain and Joseph Blackwell and Rolley Keith lieutenants which company belonged to the 10th Virginia Regiment and that some short time after his second enlistment he was selected as one of General Washington's foot guard he was then under the command of Captain Gibbs who was promoted to a Major – he was then com but manded by Captain Henry T Levingston – for which services he obtained a discharge which he has mislaid and he further says that he is on account of his reduced circumstances in life that he needs the assistance of his country for support – and Testimony thereof he has hereunto subscribed his name this 6th day of May 1818

S/ John Edge

(p8) The State of Ohio, Belmont County –

At a court of Common Pleas began and held at St Clairsville in and for the county of Belmont, on the twenty fourth day of July AD 1820 before the Honorable Benjamin Tappan Esquire President of the Fifth circuit of the courts of common pleas and Joseph Anderson, John Wiley, and Edward Bryson Esquires associate judges of the said court –

On the twenty seventh day (sic three days apart from prior sentence) of July AD 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the said County in the said circuit John Edge aged sixty seven years resident of the County of Belmont in the said Circuit and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his ↑solemn↓ oath declare that he enlisted in the Revolutionary army of the United States as a private regular soldier into Morgan Alexander's company [Ed. Note: Morgan Alexander was a captain of the 2^{nd} Regt of the Virginia Line] as he believes in the year 1776 but he does not recollect the time distinctly. That the place where he enlisted was at Frederick County in Virginia and at said enlistment enlisted to serve for the period of one year which he faithfully served in the same company under the same captain as before mentioned. That at the end of the year he was verbally discharged and in about four months after the first term of service he again enlisted under Captain Thomas Blackwell [Ed.note: Blackwell was a Capt in the 10^{th} Va Regt until Feb 1778] as a private to serve the

period of three years which said period he faithfully served and received an honourable discharge from under the hand of ↑his last captain↓ Captain Capt (sic) Levingston which said discharge has since been lost by time of accident. That he has heretofore made application for a pension under the Act of Congress of March 18th 1818 and which application was dated as he thinks the 30th day of May 1818. That his application was allowed and he received a certificate for a pension dated the eighth day of April Eighteen Hundred and nineteen and numbered on its back 9059. (p9) and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen in the United States in the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 contracted or debt due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

No Real Estate

[a list of assets not herein transcribed]

[Added by Will Graves]

| 1 Horse | \$20 | brought up | \$38.75 |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 2 Heifers | 12 | 2 Kettles | 6.00 |
| 1 Cow | 10 | 1 small oven broke | .50 |
| 3 Sheep | 5 | 1 Hoe | .50 |
| 2 Sows & pigs | 10 | 1 Shovel plow | 1.00 |
| 8 Earthen plates | .25 | 1 axe | <u> 1.00</u> |
| 1 dozen pewter spoons | .75 | | \$67,75 |
| 3 knives & 4 forks | <u>75</u> | | |
| | \$38.75 | | |

\$30 in cash being the same money received on his pension from the United States.

And I do further swear that my family consists of four persons including myself to wit my wife named Nancy Edge age 64 years sickly and unable to support herself alone and our grandchildren one named John Edge age 13 years in August next the other named Thomas Ney age between 4 & 5 years neither of which neither is yet able to earn their own support. That none of my \omego own \psi children live with me. —

That my occupation is that of a farmer or labourer and am at present living on a part of my son in law's land which in charity he has allowed me to stay on without paying rent (p10) and from which by my own labour I obtain as scanty support. I have no other means of support than the foregoing.

s/ John Edge

Sworn to and declared on the twenty seventh day of July 1820 before the court of Common Pleas of Belmont County State of Ohio.

Attest Ezer Ellis clk

I Ezer Ellis clerk of the court of Common (sic) of the County Belmont do hereby certify [etc]

John Edge died 04 Jul1830 after which his widow Nancy received a pension of \$80/annum Various administrative papers made reference to a family record which was not located in the file. One indicated that Nancy remained as a pensioner at age 111.

[Added by Will Graves]

- [p 11: On January 13, 1844, in Belmont County Ohio, Nancy Edge, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Edge a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Fauquier County Virginia; that they were married by one Jason Kinner [? faint], a clergyman on Christmas day (Old Style) or the 6th day of January 1781; that her husband died on July 4, 1830 and that she remains his widow.
- [p. 12: On the same day she gave a separate affidavit in which she stated she is the mother of 4 living children, namely Moly [Molly?] Born November 7th 1781, Rosanah [Rosannah?] Born September 1, 1783, Sericy [?] in 1787 (her age is torn out of the record), and Letice born November 11th, 1791. She said the family record has been in existence at least 60 years. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]
- [p 13: On January 13, 1844 in Belmont County Ohio Rosanah Dunfee gave testimony that she is the daughter of John and Nancy Edge; that she was born September 1, 1783; that she had a sister named Molly or Mary who was older than her who was born on November 7, 1781. She signed her affidavit with her mark mark.]