

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Egerton W8686 Ivireller Egerton f29NC
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State of Kentucky Garrard County: Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices composing the Court of Gerard County now sitting Benjamin Egerton aged Seventy one years the 24th day of May last, resident of the aforesaid County of Garrard who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he was a drafted Militia man in the Company of Captain White [William White] in the County of Caswell State of North Carolina, the year he is unable to recollect,¹ for six months, that he was marched to Salisbury in North Carolina with other troops by Colonel James Sanders [James Saunders], and then Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] took the command, as Colonel and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was the Commander as General and one of his sons was aide to him, a man by the name of Sharp was his Major. That very soon after he arrived at Salisbury, the whole Brigade, was marched in the direction to Charleston South Carolina, and halted and encamped at a place they called the Ten Mile House (it being ten miles from that place, the City of Charleston) for several weeks. From that place we were marched to a little Town on the Savannah River the[y] called as well as I can remember Purrysburg, about 25 or 30 miles from the Town of Savannah -- There we remained some weeks At that place, two Continental officers Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and Major Nelson [John Nelson] joined our Brigade and, beat up for volunteers, to form a Corps or a troop of Infantry -- for a period of time not to exceed that for which the men under General Rutherford had already engaged. This applicant and his entire troop [?] volunteered in that service, and he believes about 400 men did the same. This Company or Troop of Infantry, marched under the command of the aforesaid two Continental officers, to Augusta and rather near Augusta which was then in possession of the British -- we encamped on the opposite side of the River from the Town, for some weeks -- whilst there General Ash [John Ashe] with his Brigade joined us, and shortly after that the British abandoned the Town of Augusta and the next day the infantry under Lytle & Nelson took possession, and General Ashe and I believe General Williams [Andrew Williamson or James Williams?] with their men crossed the River the day afterwards, and entered the Town - - we encamped in Augusta several weeks. From that place we marched down the River in close pursuit of the enemy, to a place called Bryar Creek [Briar Creek], where there was a general

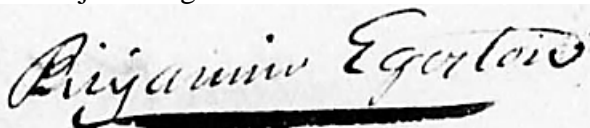
¹ The events described by applicant occurred in 1779.

engagement [March 3, 1779] in which we were defeated General Ashe commanded, General Elbert [Samuel Elbert] & Colonel McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] were in the engagement. General Rutherford was not in the battle with his forces but was on the opposite side of the River, and that night after the battle those of us who survived ^{and could be found} of the Infantry raised as before stated out of the Brigade of General Rutherford, were taken back to him. Having served out my time faithfully, I was discharged and returned to my place of residence in Caswell County Hillsboro District, having been absent nine months, though he only engaged for six months. His discharge has long since been lost or destroyed. Though he believes he can establish by his brothers the fact of being drafted, and also of his going [to] the Army and of his absence in the service of nine months. He has also the affidavit of C. Walters, an old lady who moved to the State of Indiana last fall, which was taken under the advice of some of his neighbors who suppose it might be of use some time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Egerton

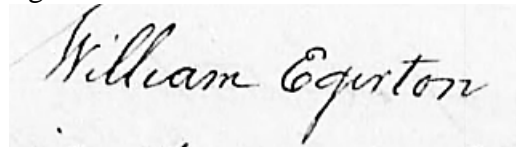


I William Egerton of the County of Garrard, do hereby state that I have a perfect recollection of my brother, Benjamin, the applicant, having been drafted in the service of the United States as he has already set forth -- That he marched with the Army, and was absent for the period of about nine months and that he has lived near him all his life time, and has often and over heard him make the same statement in substance, (with many more particulars however,) in relation to his services which he has just sworn to, and that he always believed, and has no doubt of the fact, from what he himself knows, and from what he always understood from the applicant and others that he did serve as stated. [Not signed]

[Benjamin Letcher and William Jeffries gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On September 26, 1838, in Garrard County, Ky., Ivireller Egerton filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 Act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Egerton, a pensioner of the United States for his revolutionary services; that they married in Franklin County North Carolina on July 8, 1784; and that her husband died July 7, 1837.]

[p 14: On September 26, 1838 in Garrard County Kentucky, William Egerton gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Egerton and Ivireller Turpin his wife; that affiant was at their wedding in Franklin County North Carolina when they were joined together in holy Bands of matrimony July 8, 1784; affiant saw Benjamin die July 7th, 1837 and that Ivireller Egerton remains his widow.



Affiant's relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[p 16: On April 30, 1839, Benjamin P. Edgerton [sic] made oath in support of his mother's

application for a pension that he is the son of Benjamin Edgerton and Averiller Edgerton [sic] whose name was Aviriller Turpin before her marriage; that he has seen the family register of the ages of his parents and their children (in the handwriting of Edmund Perkins, a neighbor) and that that record is as follows:

Benjamin Edgerton Senior was born May 24 1761

Averiller Turpin was born December 3, 1763

John Allen Edgerton was born November 17, 1785

“and continues in regular succession down to”

Josiah Edgerton was born March 21, 1796

"including five Children that being all the Children that Benjamin Edgerton and Averilla Edgerton ever had...."



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[p 16: the bottom of this page has what appears to be family record as follows:

John A Egerton departed this life August the 3rd 1828

James Nicholas Egerton departed this life on December 25th 1828 aged 38 years 7 months and 18 days

[p 18: Other family record in the file:

Benjamin Egerton Senior was born May 24th, 1761

Averiller Egerton was born December 3rd 1763

William Turpin Egerton was born October 29th 1787

Benjamin Prockter Egerton was born March 9th 1789

James Nicholas Egerton was born May 7th 1793

Josiah Egerton was born March the 21 1796

Thomas Turpin Senr. Diseased [sic, deceased or died] November the 27 1796

Averilla Turpin Diseased November the 26th 1806

William Egerton Diseased May the 14th 1804

John A. Egerton departed this life August the 3rd 1828

James Nicholas Egerton departed this life on December 25th 1828 aged 35 years 7 months and 18 Days

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Benjamin Egerton and Seley Egerton his wife was married May 12th [paper torn]
 John Askins Egerton son of [illegible, could be "Benj."] Egerton was born January 15th

1815

Seley Egerton Deseased January 24th [paper torn]

Benjamin Egerton and Selvy Egerton
his wife was married May 19th
John Egerton son of Benjamin Egerton
was born January 15th 1815
Selvy Egerton Deceased January 24th

Salley Egerton was born June 6th [paper torn]

Polly ann Egerton was born May 28th [paper torn]

Williamson Egerton was born March [paper torn]

Salley Egerton was born June 6th
Polly ann Egerton was born May 28th
Williamson Egerton was born March

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Being called on to state what I know with respect to Benjamin Egerton Senior Serving as a soldier in the American Revolutionary War do say that I then lived within about three miles of Mr. Edgerton father to the above Benjamin I then was informed he did go into the service of his Country and believe & have no doubt he did go and serve his tower [tour] of Duty given under my hand this 10th day of September 1831

S/ Catherine Walter, X her mark

Mercer County Personally appeared before me Catherine Walter and made oath that the foregoing Certificate is true given under my hand this 14th day of September 1831

S/ Wm Wood, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]