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*Edgar, James
Mary*

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Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Mary Cogar,
widow of James Cogar,
Penn who was a Capt. G. King
in the Rev. War

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
76 Dollars 66
Cents per annum, to commence
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the
29 day of June 1844
and sent to
Thomas P. Cotts,
York,
Penn.

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

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2 Certs:

1836 } reps 29
1843 } June '44

Instructions under the
Act of 1844
sent to T. P. Cotts,
York Penn; July 24
1844.

G. P. Hager July 7 1853

Copies sent to P. Emmet Monaghan
West Chester, Pa.
April 21, '56

State of Pennsylvania
York County

On this the Twenty second day of November A.D. 1843 personally appeared before me Samuel C. Borsham a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Mary Edgar of Peach Bottom Township in said County aged eighty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.

That she is the widow of Captain James Edgar who performed several tours of duty during the Revolutionary war -

That to the best of her belief he served as first Sergeant in the volunteer company of Captain McHandless attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith under General Potter - That he marched from York County aforesaid to New York City near which place they were stationed for a period of several months, she believes this tour he was out in all three months and twenty five days from some time about the first of August A.D. 1776 -

That to the best of her knowledge and belief he again performed a tour of duty at a place called Camp Security in York County aforesaid some time in the Year 1780 or 1781, there was a body of English prisoners kept there, who were taken from Burgoyne, In this tour he served as a first Lieutenant in a Company of drafted Militia for a period of two months, and the service he performed was that of guarding prisoners -

That sometime during the Year 1782 he was again in service at Camp Security in said County for a period of three months - That in this tour he served in the capacity of Captain to a Company which volunteered to act as a guard at said fort, that this tour of his service he was

out three months, and the duty he performed was that of guarding the prisoners taken from Burgoyne and Cornwallis - That the Officer under whom he served or to whose Battalion the Company he commanded was attached, was named Ashton and who was at this time in command at the Fort -

She further declares that she was married to the said James Edgar sometime during the year 1786 - that her husband died on the last day of December 1796. that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January A.D. 1794. at the time above stated.

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence to support her declaration, and that from bodily infirmity she cannot attend Court -

Given and Subscribed
before me this 23rd

day of November 1843

Saml. C. Borsham

her
Mary X Edgar
marked

WIDOW, &c. /

File No. 2927

Mary Edgar
Widow

James Edgar
Capt. U.S. Army Res. Ret.

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

n^o 6112 act 1843
Mary Edgar, widow
of James Edgar,
who was a Captain,
Lieut. and Sergeant
Serg^t. 2 mo. \$ 10 }
Lieut. " " 26.66 } 76.66
Capt. " " 40 }
\$76.66 per ann

Philadelphia Roll

1st Issue Two certificates
Act 1838 & act 1843
1st Enter & number the
copy under act of 3rd March
1843

Send cert. to
Thomas P. Potts,
York
N. York

July 18 1844



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June 17 1844
Mary Edga

Mary & P. Edwards Esq.
Com: of Pension -
Washington D.C.

PAID

York Pa. July 17. 1844.

Sir,
I enclose you the declaration of Mrs. Mary Edgas claiming the benefits of the Pension Act of June 17th 1842 granting 4 years pension to the widows of Revolutionary Soldiers -

Very Respectfully &c

Jno. S. P. [Signature]

Faint handwritten notes and signatures on the reverse side of the letter.

State of Pennsylvania
York County.

I Samuel Dinsmore a Justice of the Peace in and for said County do hereby Certify that Benjamin Jones who made an Affidavit before me in support of the Pension application of Mrs Mary Edgar of said County widow of Captaine James Edgar deceased, is a person entitled to Credibility and belief -
Certified this twenty ninth day of January 1844.

Sam^l Dinsmore

Pennsylvania
York County. Jct. William Hgenfitz Prothonary of the Court of Common Pleas of said County. Certify that Samuel Dinsmore Esqr. before whom the above certificate was signed is, and at the time of doing the same was, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, and that the above signature purporting to be his, is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have here to set my hand & affixed the Seal of said Court. Jan^y. 31. 1844

W. Hgenfitz
Prothonary

Cambriaelle March 21st 1833.
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Dr, Sir, At the request of a very old Lady by the name of Elizabeth Edgar, widow of James Edgar deceased, I understand James Edgar was a pensioner at the time of his death, I should have said Revolutionary Pensioner. Mrs Edgar is now very infirm and as we must expect, know but little of her husband's service, I therefore cannot tell under what act, James Edgar received a pension or the exact time of his death, but I observed in reading a copy of his will now within her possession, that he made it, in 1832 and that it was proven December 12th 1836.

His death must have taken place near the last mentioned period. They were married about 1792 and never married but once.

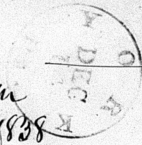
She wishes me to enquire of you what amount is now due her, and what forms will be required for her to sign to obtain her money.

She claims five years pension from act of Mar 4th 1830, which would terminate on Mar 4th 1841. She asks again for one year, the fourth of March 1843.

Again, four years from Mar 4, 1844, and again from act of July 29th 1848. A neighbour of hers who had some scraps of laws relative to pensions have informed her that

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Pa.
Mary Edger
7 July 1838



See letter Mar. 17. 1846 to

Hon. J. Buchanan -

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Cpl 2m

Mrs. J. L. Murray Esq
Washington
D. C.

M. E.

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She could receive the benefits of all these acts, but knowing the difficulty attending obtaining pensions for such persons, I thought it best to know what act her husband was pensioned under, and also under what acts it will be possible for her to obtain a pension. Your Honour by answering these interrogatories and sending the necessary forms or laws for obtaining this pension, will confer a very great favor upon an old lady who is now in a miserable poor House, and also oblige to

Very resp. Yours obt. svt
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington
D. C.
G. P. Hayes

York, Penna
Dec^r 14th 1863.

I enclose you the Declaration and Testimony
asserting the claims of Mrs. Mary Edgar to a
Pension—

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Serv^t—

Thos. Spotts

J. S. Edwards Esq—
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D.C.

Dec 28 1863

Ms. B. 1
JUN 27 1864
P.B.

Mary Edgar

Ms. B. 1

17 m. 1863

J. S. Edwards Esq
Commissioner of Pensions
Washington
D.C.

York Pa. June 26, 1864.

Sir,

Your letter to the Hon. James Buchanan of the U. States Senate relative to Mrs. Edgar's Pension claim has been placed in my hands. In this letter you say that the claim for the pay of a Captain cannot be allowed without the production of the Commission but only the pay of a non-Commissioned Officer. After making effort to discover his Commission we are unable to do so. I enclose you however a transcript from the Public Records at Harrisburg purporting to be an arrangement of Officers into battalions and a return of said arrangement into the office.

Does not this arrangement and return indicate that the officers named therein had already been elected to the several grades they held and that James Edgar was Captain commanding Company No. 6. of the Eighth Battalion of York County militia.

In Gen. Cass' letter dated War Department February 21, 1833 He says "that a Commission is not

"in every case necessary to invest an Officer with Rank or Command but some Act or instrument of Writing tantamount to a Commission is deemed essential.

Does not such an Election followed up by proof of actual service as a Captain meet the requirements of this letter? From this evidence it would appear that he was elected to a Captaincy and from the testimony already filed that he served as a Captain.

The return indicates that he was entitled to the Commission, and the fact of his having been drafted is a recognition of his Captaincy, and as such he was subject to the control of the Law.

If you would be pleased to take the case in hand in a day or two, your attention would oblige us, the Applicant is very old and feeble and has very frequently urged me to have the case brought to a close.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. St.

Thos. P. Pratt

The Arrangement of York County Militia

Rank	Officer	Number of Companies	Captains	Serjeants	Ensigns
Field	John David	5	Samuel Fulton	Moses Andrews	Thomas Dickson
Private	James Edgar	6	James Edgar	John Campbell	John Taylor

York June 17th 1780

The Supreme Executive Council
of the State of Pennsylvania

Endorsed 1780 September 9th
York County
Return of
Militia Officers
1780 Comd.

Pennsylvania

Secretary Office

I certify that the foregoing is a true extract from
the original paper remaining on file in this Office
Witness my hand and the Seal of
said Office at Harrisburg this 18th day of
June AD 1844.

Thomas d. Wilson
Copy Secy of the Commth

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Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Mary Egert

widow of James Egert
who was a pensioner under the Act of
and who died on the last day of Decemr 1796
of York Co. in the State of Penn
who was a Capt. of the Company
commanded by Captain _____ of the
_____ in
the Rev. War line for 2^{mo} 2^{1/2} 2^{1/2} 2^{1/2}

Inscribed on the Roll of Philadelphia
at the rate of 76 Dollars 66
Cents per annum, to commence on the 1st day of
March, 1836.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of
June 1844 and Sent to
J. P. Ellis York Penna

Total amount, \$388.30

[Act July 7, 1838.]

Recorded by J. A. Swann Clerk,

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July 2 1844



Pa
Mary Edgum
100 pmf

James P. Edwards,
Commissioner of Pensions,
Washington
D.C.

PAID

New York Pa. July 31. 1844.

James P. Edwards,
Commissioner of Pensions,

Dear Sir,

When I forwarded to your office
the Application of Mrs. Mary Edgum it was omitted
to certify the Credibility of Benjamin Jones who testified
to part of the service performed by Captain Edgum his
husband. I have had the enclosed Certificate taken
and forward it to be placed with the other papers
on file.

Respectfully yours &c
Thos. P. H. H.

State of Pennsylvania }
York County }

On this the 15th day of
July 1844, personally appeared before the sub-
scribe a Justice of the Peace in and for said
County Mary Edgar a Resident thereof aged eighty
eight years who being first duly sworn ac-
-cording to law doth as her oath make the follow-
-ing declaration in order to obtain the benefit
of the provision made by the act of Congress
intituled an act to continue the pensions of certain
payers the 17th June 1844. that she is the widow
of James Edgar who during the Revolution was
was a Captain, Lieutenant Sergeant and the
annual amount of Pension she received under the
act of July 7. (1783) and the act of March 3. 1843.
was seventy six dollars fifty six cents.

She further declares she is still a widow
Sworn to & subscribed the day
and ven above written
Before me
2 James Dinwiddie

I Samuel Dinwiddie Justice as aforesaid do hereby
certify that the above declarant Mary Edgar is
personally known to me.

2 Samuel Dinwiddie

State of Pennsylvania }
York County }

I William H. Gumpertz Prothonotary of
the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of
York do hereby certify that Samuel Dinwiddie whose
name appears to the foregoing Affidavit is and at
the time of signing the same was an Acting Justice of
the Peace duly Commissioned and qualified, and
that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are
genuine -

In Testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my Seal
of Office, and subscribed my
name this 16th day of July
AD-1844 -
W. H. Gumpertz Proth.

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Thos. Potts

Attorney

York Penn^a

State of Pennsylvania

York County

On the the 8th day of December
1843 personally appeared before me the undersigned
a Justice of the Peace in and for said County
Richard James a resident thereof who being
duly sworn according to law doth depose
and say that he was acquainted with Capt
James Edgar formerly of said County and in
his lifetime an officer of the Revolutionary war
that during said war there was a large
body of English prisoners stationed for safe
keeping at a place in York County aforesaid
called Camp Security, who were taken from
Burgoyne and Cornwallis that during the time
they were kept there which was he believes during
the years 1780-1781, 1782 and part of 1783
this deponent was in the employ of Christian
Ginn who was likewise an officer and who
furnished the prisoners and their guards with
part of their provisions that it was the duty of
this deponent to assist in conveying these provisions
to the Camp and to assist in embarking them at
the different places they were wanted in the
Camp, that he continued in this service al-
most all the time the prisoners were there
and visited the encampment several times
every week that he recollects of seeing Captain
James Edgar there as a post Lieutenant in
a Company of drafted militia that the militia
from this County were generally drafted for a
period of two months and that he saw Capt
Edgar there as Lieutenant several times every week
for about that period and afterwards he thinks
saw him there as Captain, and for a while

commanding the whole Encampment

Nicholas Jones

I am and subscribe
this 8th day of December
1843 before me.

John Gleason

I Jacob Gleason Justice as aforesaid do hereby certify
that the above mentioned Nicholas Jones is known
to me personally and that he is a person entitled
to the fullest credit and belief.

John Gleason

State of Pennsylvania }
York County }
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On this the sixth day of December
1843 Personally appeared before me Samuel Dinsmore
a Justice of the Peace in and for said County
Hancy Boyd a resident of Peach Bottom Township
in said County, who being first duly ~~sworn~~ ^{affirmed} accord-
-ing to Law doth on her ^{affirmation} oath say that she
remembers the time Captain James Edgar was
married to Mary his present Widow, that it
happened sometime about the year 1786
that although she was not present when they
were married, yet she attended with many others
a wedding party given by them a few days after
their marriage when she saw them both, that
they were then and there recognized as man
and wife, that they lived for some years near
this deponent as such, and that she is able to
fix the time of their going to House Keeping
by the circumstance of this deponent having a
child born about that time, the birth of which
appears to have taken place in the year 1786.
from an entry in this deponent's family Record
Further saith not.

Subscribed and affirmed before me.

Sam^l Dinsmore

Hancy Boyd

I Samuel Dinsmore a Justice of the Peace in and
for the said County of York do certify that Hancy
Boyd who swore to the above affidavit is a
woman of respectability and entitled to credit.

Sam^l Dinsmore

State of Pennsylvania,
Mark Lewis.

Personally appeared before me as
Justice of the Peace in and for said
County in this the twenty fifth day of November 1843
Benjamin Jones aged 86 years who being duly
sworn according to law doth say that he was
well acquainted with Captain James Edgar for
-most of said County that during the Revolutionary war
he was a private in a Company which volunteered
for service in said war & that said James Edgar
was first Sergeant of the Company that they
were taken into the Regiment commanded by
Isaac Smith and which was attached to the
Command of General Potter that the last time
of the Company was raised he thinks he
-belonged that they were ordered to march to
New York from York County where the Company
was formed and ~~there~~ after having been sta-
-tioned in the vicinity of that City as part of
the American Army they were discharged and
-came to return home that in this time they were
out the period of three months and twenty
five days and that it took place in the
Summer and fall of the year 1776 and that
said Edgar was in service during the whole of this time

That subsequently in the year 1782 they
he was again in service as a volunteer in
a Company of which said Edgar was Captain
that the services of men capable of bearing
arms were required to guard a large body of
prisoners who were kept at Camp Mifflin in
York County Pennsylvania again that he was
was this time in service a period of three
months, he is confident &c. was for that period

the services were required and continued
and that during the whole of this time said
Edgar was this Captain, and served in that
Capacity of commanding officer to the Company
the whole time they were on duty and that
the service they performed was that of guarding the
the prisoners taken from Burgoyne & Cornwallis,

sworn to and subscribed
this 25th day of November 1843

Before me

Sam^l Dinwiddie

his
Benjamin Jones
Mark

Pennsylvania

York County, Jet. I, William Hgenfritz, Prothonotary
of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, certify, that
the Hon. Samuel C. Benham, before whom
the annexed or foregoing Declaration was sworn
to, is and at the time of doing the same, was
one of the Judges of the Court of Common
Pleas aforesaid, duly commissioned & qualified,
and that the signature, purporting to be his, is genuine.

And do further certify, that Samuel Dinsmore &
Jacob Glepner, Esquires, before whom the annexed Depositions
were made, were and at the time of signing the same
were acting Justices of the Peace in and for said
County, duly commissioned and qualified; and that
the signatures purporting to be theirs, are genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court,
at York, this 14th day of December A.D. 1843

W. Hgenfritz
Prothonotary.