

The affidavit of Margaret W. Parham of the County of Caroline, of lawful age, taken at the Bowling Green, in said County this 21st day of November 1849 to be read before the Executive of Va.

Question by [undeciphered name]. Do you recollect any thing of a uniform in the family of the Apperson's of the County of New Kent?

Ans'r. I was born in New Kent in the year 1796 & recollect to have seen a Uniform Coat & Short breeches also a Cocked hat & plume which my Grand Mother Elizabeth Hockaday formerly Elizabeth Allen, always said was the property of Richard Apperson the father of Sam'l. A Apperson of s'd County of New Kent – the Coat had two Epaulets on it, & I also recollect that my Grand Mother frequently spoke of the money which Sam'l. A Apperson would some time or other receive for his farther's services in shedding the blood of the Red Coats. Richard Apperson was my Uncle by marriage & I have frequently heard that my uncle Richard & my father were in service at the same time.

Quest. by same. Have you ever heard that Richard Apperson was distinguished by the family as Navy Dick Apperson?

Ans'r. I never heard so that I recollect.

Question. was Sam'l. A Apperson the son of Richard Apperson of N. Kent?

Ans'r. Sam'l. A Apperson was the only child of Richard Apperson.

Quest by same. When did Sam'l. A Apperson die, & how many children did he leave?

Ans'r. He died some fifteen or twenty years ago & left three children. Armistead - Richard and Margaret. Margaret married Bennet Tompkins, & Armistead died some years ago - so that Richard & Margaret are now the only children & heirs of said Sam'l. A Apperson. & further this affiant saith not.

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The affidavit of Mrs Polly Poindexter of the county of New Kent and State of Virginia of Lawful age taken before me a justice of the Peace for said county this 10th of Jan'y 1850 to be read as evidence before the Executive of the state of Virginia in relation to Rich'd Appersons claim to Bounty Land &c for services rendered by the said Rich'd Apperson as Midshipman [undeciphered] the revolution

Question. What year did Rich'd Apperson die

Answer He died as near I can recollect about the year 1798 [signed] Polly Poindexter

The affidavit of Ansolem Bailey of the county of New Kent of lawful age taken before me a justice of the peace of the county aforesaid This 4th day of September 1850 to be read as evidence before the executive of the State of Virginia in relation to Midshipman Richard Epperson's claim to Bounty land &c for services rendered during the the Revolution by the said Midshipman Richard Epperson pending the revolution

Question were you or not acquainted with Richard Epperson father of Samuel A Epperson of the county of New Kent and State of Virginia

Answer I was well acquainted with him and have seen him five hundred times

Question Can you say or not whether Richard Epperson served as and officer of the Navy of the United States during the revolution

Answer Some time after the siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] he took possession of his property and it was the prevailing report that he served as an officer of the Navy to the end of the revolution Some time thereafter he married Margaret Allen, the daughter of Richmond Allen and left one son Samuel Allen Epperson The said Richard Epperson was a very wealthy man he was some times distinguished by the appellation of Navy Dick and sometimes as little Dick Epperson [signed] Anselm Bailey

The affidavit of Dandridge Martin of the County of New Kent of the county of New Kent and state of Virginia of lawfull age taken before me a justice of the peace of the county aforesaid This 4th day of September 1850 to be read as evidence before the executive of the State of Virginia in relation to Midshipman Richard Epperson's claim to Bounty land &c for services rendered during the Revolution by the said Midshipman Richard Epperson pending the revolution

Question Were you or not acquainted with Richard Apperson the father of Samuel A Apperson of the County of New Kent and State of Virginia

Answer I never knew him untill after the Siege of York. after that he Came to the County of New Kent and I then became acquainted with him

Question Can you say or not whether Richard Apperson served as an officer of the United States Navey up to the end of the Revolution

Answer I not only heard Richard Apperson say so, but but all the people of the neighbourhood said he was a midshipman up to the end of the Revolutionary war.

Question were you raised in the County of New Kent.

Answer I was and am eighty odd years old [signed] Dandridge Martin