

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Epperson S37915  
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Epperson Francis                      VA                      S37915

[p2] Kentucky certificate 26785 to Francis Epperson of Fayette Co  
A private under Captain Benning in Col Holcomb's Virginia Regiment for 6 months.  
Issued 29May1834 for \$20/annum.

[p5] State of Kentuck  
Fayette County

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Fayette County in the state of March, Francis Epperson, of said county aged eighty two years 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 passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was first called into the service to guard Burgoyne's men at Albemarle County Virginia, it has been a long ago it has nearly gone out of his head. He does not remember the name of the colonel and the field officers but he does remember the name of the captain was John Benning. It was as he believes in the year 1777 that he made this tour but the day of the month he cannot recollect. He has forgotten how long he continued to serve. He had no fighting then. He only went to stand guard and keep the prisoners within bounds. He then lived in Buckingham County Virginia and was as he believes drafted. He was however called upon to perform a tour of duty in the Militia. He has search his papers and can find no documentary evidence of his service. He had a discharge but supposes he lost

[p6] it by removing from Virginia That he can find no person any where by whom he can prove this service. He also again entered the service in 1781 under Gen'l Robt Lawson Colo John Halcomb Maj Spencer whose given name he has forgot Capt. John Chambers. That he entered the service in in the month of February and left it some time in the summer of that year. That he was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse between Genl Green [Nathanael Greene] and Genl Cornwallis on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1781 and was in no other battle. That in marching he went through Lunenburg County Virginia but did not charge his memory & can't tell the names of the county or counties in Carolina. That as to this service he has no written discharge or other proof and knows of no one by whom he can prove his services. He herby 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 & year aforesaid.

Francis Epperson    x his mark

[Routine county supporting testimony and certification

George Boone clergy

Samuel Taul neighbor

James Laffron neighbor

Saml Blair presiding judge

James C Rodes, court clerk

[p9] State of Kentucky  
Fayette County

On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834 personally appeared before the county court held in the County of Fayette in open court now in session, Francis Epperson a resident of Fayette County & state aforesaid aged about 83 years & a half who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, That he entered the service and in the army of the United States in the year 1778 as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Capt John Benning. He remained in the army for three months at that time. During all of which time he was under command of Capt. Benning. He only volunteered for a tour of three months. He does not remember the names of the other officers of the company or of the regiment to which it belonged.

At the time he entered the service he lived in Buckingham County Virginia.

From Buckingham the company was marched to Albemarle. Some of Burgoyne's men were stationed there & he & the company aforesaid constituted part of the guard.

He was engaged in no battle this tour. It being his duty to guard the prisoners

He has no documentary evidence of his service. He had a discharge but supposes he has lost it. He knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

In his former statement filed herewith he stated the time of this service in 1777.

[p10] This however was a mistake. The service was in 1778 and as he now believes in the spring of that year and continued three months. He was a private soldier.

He also states that on his return from Albemarle he united himself to a company of "minute men" in Buckingham County under the command of Capt. Glover & as one of that company continued to act from time to time as required until the month of February or March 1781 when he joined Genl Green's army at Haw River in N Carolina. As a minute man his services were frequently required & always given when required. Once he recollects in protecting & removing stores from Albemarle.

He has no documentary or other evidence of this service.

In February or March 1781 he again volunteered for a tour of six months in the company of Capt. John Chambers. The field officers were Gen. Robert Lawson, Col Jno Halcomb, Maj. Spencer.

This company marched from Buckingham & went to Gen'l Green's Army at Haw River. He thinks the company marched through Prince Edward, Nottoway, and Lunenburg Counties & perhaps others. He was in the Battle of Guilford Court House between Genl Green & Cornwallis.

He served this time for & during the term of six months.

He herewith forwards his former

[p11] statement as part of the except so far as the former differs from this.

He says that the difference in the two statements was occasioned either by his bad memory at the time the first was given or by the hurry of the person who drew it up.

He was a private in each service. He was born in Pohatan [sic] County Virginia in 1750. His age is recorded in Powhatan. He has no record of it here.

He resided in Buckingham till the year 1796 when he moved to Fayette County Ky where he has lived ever since.

He is known to Gen: James Shelby, Peter Evans, Ambrose Young &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

He has no documentary evidence of either of the services above named nor does he know any person living by whom he can prove them or either of them.

Francis Epperson x his mark

[Routine county supporting and certifying statements:

George G Boone, clergy

Samuel Taul, neighbor

Wm Stanhope, Presiding Justice

J.C.Rodes, clk