

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

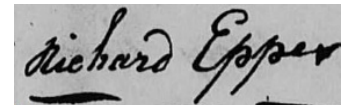
Pension Application of Richard Eppes S38681

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State of Tennessee }  
Montgomery County Sct. } May 13<sup>th</sup> 1818

This Day Before me Parry W Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the State of Tennessee came Richard Eppes a citizen resident in the County of Dickson & state aforesaid who being first Duly Sworn to declare the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth on the subject of his application for a pension under the late act of Congress Declares & says – that he served in the army of the United States for a term of more than nine months on Continental establishment in the time of the revolutionary war. He was enroled for the term of three years by Captain Peter Jones who commanded a Company in the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the virginia line Commanded by Colo Davis [sic: William Davies], but the regiment at the time he joined it was commanded by Lieutenant Col. [Abraham] Buford. Afterwards sometime in the year 1779 as well as he remembers [sic: 14 Sep 1778] the regiments were reduced & the 14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> Regiments were united and he was under the command of Col [Burgess] Ball with whom he continued some time & was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col George Gibson under whose command he continued untill some time in the month of August 1780 when he was discharged his original in rollment was in the year 1777– during a great part of the time that he was in service he acted in the capacity of orderly sergeant & was so at the time of his Discharge he was in service at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & at the storming of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] his discharge was filed in the auditors office in virginia to enable him to draw some arrears of pay which was due to him & he took a copy of it & Deposited it with the Register of the land office for the purpose of procuring a warrant for 200 a's [acres] of land to which he was entitled for his Military Service. the original & Copy are he supposes both in those offices– he procured a land warrant but it became necessary that the warrant should be returned to the land office in order to its being invalid & was never afterwards obtained by him nor has he acquired a title to any land nor is it probable he ever will for altho he never transfered the warrant or in any other way Divested him self of his title to it yet he is informed that the warrant has been taken possession of by another person who has procured a title to the land to himself– he further says that he is at present poor has no land; but little personal property & no means of subsistence but by his manual labour, which he is unqualified to perform by reason of his age & infirmities being upwards of sixty years of age he believes his situation requires the assistance of his Country for support & he wishes his pension if his case is such as to entitle him to it under the law of the united states pass'd at last session of Congress allowing pensions to certain Soldiers of the revolutionary war. He says he has no evidence to offer in proof of his having served in the U State army other than his own statement except a certificate of Charles Blagrove Register of the Land office of the State of virginia a copy of which he wishes forwarded to the War office the original he wishes to retain with a view of attempting to procure his miliary land.



Dickson County State of Tennessee July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1820,  
A Schedule of the property of Richard Epps a petitioner

1 Negro woman 55 years old  
1 Do. Girl 11 years – Do.  
2 Horses 4 head of Cattle  
20 Head of Hogs

I am Justly Indebted the sum of one hundred & ten Dollars

I Richard Epps do solemnly swear that I was a Citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen and that I have not sense that time by gift sale or in manner whatever disposed of my 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 providing for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the eighteenth day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securitys contracts or Debts due to me nor have I any Income other than is contained in this Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

Richard Epps

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

A Copy of Rich'd Eppes's Discharge

Sergeant Richard Eppes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment having served the Term of Three years for which he was inlisted is hereby discharged the service – Given under my hand at Petersburg this thirty first day of Aug't. 1780. sign'd [illegible: George] Gibson Col'n first Reg't

Copy J Pendleton Jr

This may certify that Richard Epps servd as an officer in the [illegible] Virginia Regiment of Continental Troops from the year 1776 til Feb'y 1781 when he was deranged a supernumery Capt Lieutenant at Chesterfield Corthouse Given Under my hand at Richmond May ye 29<sup>th</sup> 1783 [last digit indistinct]

Abraham Buford/ Colo 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't