

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Epps S6822

VA

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Virginia Halifax County towit:

On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Halifax now setting Moses Epps a resident of the county aforesaid aged seventy six 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 7th 1832 That he was drafted and entered the service of the State of Virginia as a private on the first day of January in the year 1781 in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia, in a Company under the Command of Captain Joshua Powell, and Lieutenant Charles Womack which said Company belonged to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Fleming. he marched from the County of Halifax through Charlotte Prince Edward &c to a place called Cabin point [on James River in Surry County VA], thence to Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wight where he was attached to a Corps under the command of General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. He remained at Smithfield in service untill the 10th of the insuing April. He then received a written discharge from Capt. Rich'd Gaines [Richard Gaines] and returned home. The length of time which he was on this tour was three months and ten days.

He was drafted again in the first of July of the same year aforesaid, and marched from the said County as a private in a company under the command of Capt. John Faulkner, and which belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colo. Peter Rogers to Cabin Point aforesaid through the same country as aforesaid. He marched from Cabin Point to Newsomes Old Field, where he remained a short time; thence directly to Little York, and when he arrived there he was placed under the command of Colo Maryweathers (or Meriwether), and joined the troops commanded by General George Washington, and served untill the 28th of October 1781, soon after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [on 19 Oct]. He was at York in service at the surrender of Cornwallis. He rec'd a discharge from this tour from Capt. Jno Faulkner This tour of service was three months and twenty eight days.

Questions by the Court. Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Halifax Virginia in the year 1757.

Have you any record of your age?

I have none that I can now find but kept one for many years.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

I have lived in the County of Halifax Virginia my whole like [sic].

How were you called into service?

I was drafted both times.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

I recollect now no officers or companies with whom I served except one Commanded by Capt Charles Wall of Halifax County Virginia. For the circumstances &c the most important are detailed in my declaration.

Did you receive discharges from the service if so by whom were they given and what have become of them?

I rec'd a discharge from my first tour of duty from Capt Rich'd Gaines and my second from Capt John Faulkner and not knowing that they could ever be of any service to me I did not preserve them.

State the names of some of the persons to whom you are known in your neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Thomas Clardy, Lewis Haley, and John Dunkley are well acquainted with me and served with me in the Revolutionary war, and who will testify to my service.

and the said Moses Epps hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Moses Epps

NOTE: John Dunkley (pension application W5267) and Lewis Haley (S5487) certified Epps's service.