

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Letter from Edmund Ruffin¹ VA27²
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Summary Offering Prince George militia now in field for laborers to complete construction of fortress at Hood's.

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¹ RE: EDMUND RUFFIN (he has no pension application himself)

BIRTH: 1744/5 Prince George Co., VA

DEATH: 1807 Prince George Co., VA

RESIDENCE: "Evergreen" and "Coggins Point," Prince George Co., VA

PARENTS: Edmund Ruffin (1713-1790) of "Evergreen," Prince George Co. and Anne Simmons, widow Edmonds.

MARRIAGE: Jane Skipwith, daughter of Sir William Skipwith of Prestwould, Mecklenburg Co., VA (1707-1764) and Elizabeth Smith.

Member of the House of Delegates (1777-1787)

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Hon'ble Sir

Colo. Senf [Johann Christian Senf] appearing so anxious to compleat the Fortress at Hoods, and thinking it very advantageous to employ the Quota of Prince George Militia to that Purpose, induced me to take the Liberty to say for those now in the Field who I command, that if their Labour in their County shall be thought of greater Utility than their Services in the Field, that each Person shall perform so many Days work as he shall be short of his Tour when discharged from Camp, which is now six Weeks, and I am fully of Opinion that as many Labourers may be had as will compleat the Work before the hard Frosts set in. I live but a few Miles from the Place and if anything is in my Power to promote this Business, you will be pleased to command me, which shall be executed most cheerfully by

Yr very Obnt & hble Serv.

Edmd Ruffin jun.

Camp King William

Aug. 26th, 1781.

(Envelope)

His Excellency Tho. Nelson jun Esq.

By Favour of Maj. Du Val. Richmond

Edm. Ruffin

Augt. 26th 1781.

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I have found info that might be of interest:

The title page and “Abner Peebles”³ & (what I am assuming is) “Capt. [Edmund] Ruffin” referenced page can found at the following three web addresses:

Page 102:

https://books.google.com/books?id=Gp0ZAAAAyAAJ&pg=RA3-PA102&lpg=RA3-PA102&dq=%22abner+peebles%22+%22little+york%22&source=bl&ots=Ttd_PbmEtx&sig=ACfU3U3CvWT-HWzoOmAcUXGezk1N49BjzA&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjF8fr3_bLmAhVthOAKHbt4DOMQ6AEwAXoECAMQAQ#v=onepage&q=%22abner%20peebles%22%20%22little%20york%22&f=false

³ Note by Will Graves: I could find no application for a pension filed by Abner Peebles either in the federal records or the Virginia records. The reference to his service contained in the Congressional Record cited here MAY be the only documentary record of his service in the Revolution.

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