

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Apperson (Epperson) W24128

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State of Missouri County of Franklin Ss.

On this seventh day of May in in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before William R. Ellett, John Gall and Mathew Caldwell Justices of the County Court of said County now in Session John Epperson a resident of Boles Township in the County of Franklin state of Missouri aged sixty nine 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 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated., that he was called into the service by being drafted in the County of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1780 under the Command of Capt. Robert Stubelfield [Robert Stubblefield]. Lieutenant Trigg ensign Vas, rendesvous'd at Richmond Va and marched from thence to Hillsborough [NC] there join'd Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens. and this petitioner's Company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. [John] Glenn and Major [Henry] Conway and marched from Hillsbro' to Salsbery [sic: Salisbury NC] from thence to the Cheraw Hills on Pe dee River [sic: Pee Dee River in South Carolina] and crossed s'd. River on the 24th of Dec'r. 1780 and joined Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and went into winter quarters, this petitioner was discharged sometime in January and recv'd. a written discharged signed by Gen'l. Stevens, in this tour this petitioner served three months – after receiving his discharge he returned to Spotsylvania Cty Virginia and some time in the Spring of 1781 he was again drafted and entered the service under the command of Captain [[James] Taylor, Lieutenant Weegelsworth [sic: James Wigglesworth], ensign Smyth [possibly Robert Smith] marched from Fredicksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] near to Richmond and met the army commanded by Fayette [sic: Gen. Lafayette]. this Petitioner's Company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col Marryweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] & Maj Hardiman the army marched through the lower Counties of Virginia and some where on its march on the 7th of June 1781 met a Division Commanded by Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne. the Army continued its march passed thro Culpeper County crossed the South branch of the Rapahanoc [sic: Rappahannock River] and was stationed for a few days at a place then called the Raccoon ford [on Rapidan River, 8 June]; from this place marched South and some where in the lower part of Virginia this petitioner was again discharged having served another tour of three months. and for this service this petitioner recv'd a discharge but does not recollect by whom signed. both of the discharges are mislaid or lost. and this petitioner further states that he has no documentary evidence by which his services can be proven, that there is one Thomas Graves that did live not long since in the County of Montgomery and the State of Missouri who has heretofore informed this petetioner by letter that he knew of this petitioners serving his last tour mentioned above, but that this petitioner cannot conveniently procure his testimony nor does he know any person whose testimony he can conveniently procure that could testify to his service and the said John Epperson further states that he 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. And the said Petitioner further states that he was born in Spotsylvania County Virginia Dec'r. 4th 1763, that he has a record of his age at his place of Residence, that he was living in Spotsylvania County virginia when called into service & that he has lived since the revolutionary war in Virginia and Missouri, that he was drafted into the service and that his officers were as before stated and that he received two discharges as above mentioned and that he is known to Henry Brown James Davision & James Jones now of his immediate neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his Revolutionary services.

[signed] John apperson

NOTES: On 2 Feb 1852 Alcey Apperson, 83, of Clay County IL, applied for a pension stating that she married John Apperson in Culpeper County on 4 Jan 1786, and he died in Franklin County on 30 Sep 1834. Francis Apperson was the Clerk of Court who signed the document. A document in the file states that a license was issued in Culpeper County on 3 Jan 1785 for the marriage of John Apperson to Alice Favor, daughter of Ann Faver of that county. On 21 July 1852 Alcey Apperson stated that her maiden name was Alcey Favour. Reuben Apperson of Russell County VA deposed that he was born 7 Mar 1779 and remembered when his brother, John, married Alcey Favour, daughter of William Favour. Spencer White deposed that John and Alcey Apperson or Epperson had lived next to him in Washington County VA for 20 years up to 1808, and that their oldest child, William, was 20 or 21 years old in that year. Francis Apperson deposed that his mother, Alcey, lived with him in Clay County IL and that the following was his own family record:

Francis Apperson was born February 14th 1800

Jane Duff was born May 9th 1800

Was married August 11th 1825

Elbert Sevier Apperson was born July 29th 1826

Mary Elizabeth Apperson was born July 18th 1828

John Alexander Apperson was born April 17th 1831

Stephen Randolph Apperson; was born March 19 - 1834

Alsey Hellen Apperson was born March 27th 1837

Charles Wesley Apperson Born April 12th 1841