

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Aspley W2903

Sarah Aspley

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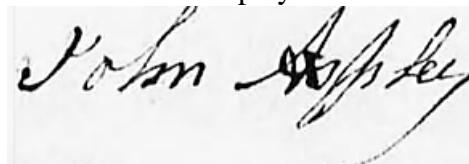
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State of Tennessee, Sumner County 12th of September 1827

This day John Aspley Personally appeared before me Elijah Boddie an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid & made oath in due form at previous to his service as Sergeant Major in the North Carolina twelve months service mentioned by Captain Joshua Hadley in his certificate of the 12th of March last sworn to before Thomas Anderson Esq. That he said Aspley enlisted for two years & a half in the first Troop of North Carolina light dragoons, and served as Sergeant under Captain Samuel Ash [Samuel Ashe], Benjamin Mills being Lieutenant and William Buford, cornet. From North Carolina they marched to Philadelphia to join General Washington's Army and at Philadelphia he enlisted during the war & continued to serve on under the same Captain and marched under General McIntosh from Little York to Pittsburgh, then called Fort Pitt, from thence to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio River from thence to Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] on the Tuscarora River [Tuscarawas River], where they wintered & where their horses came very night perished to death for want of provisions, & the whole Army was on very short allowance, the spring following they were marched back to Fort Pitt from thence that he marched into the Country some 25 or 30 miles to recruit & feed their horses, at which place the Troop was discharged. The date of the above service he cannot now recollect. Said Aspley further states that he does not know of a single man now alive that was with him either in the horse or foot service except Captain Joshua Hadley above mentioned and that he received two discharges, one as Sergeant in the horse, & the other as Sergeant Major in the foot service, both of which he has lost.

S/ John Aspley



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These may certify that John Aspley was a Sergeant Major in the North Carolina twelve months service, and served as such twelve months and was discharged at the Pond ponds [sic, Pon Pon River, now know as the South Edisto River] in South Carolina, in the time of the revolutionary war.

Witness my hand the 12th of March 1827.

S/ Joshua Hadley, Capt.¹
In the third Battalion in the
North Carolina Continental Troop

¹ [Joshua Hadley BLWt1096-300](#)

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of the State in the revolutionary War that John Aspley that he Sergeant Major and Captain Donoho's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the fifth day of May 1781 for the term of 12 months and that he left the service on the fifth day of May 1782.

Given under my hand this the 19th December 1827.

S/ Wm Hill

Joshua Hadley was a Captain in the Army of the revolution; I know him, and also of know his hand writing.

S/ Wm Hill

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list under the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818

State of Tennessee, Sumner County

On this the 11th day of February 1828 personally appeared in open Court for the County aforesaid, being a Court of record, John Aspley resident in said County, aged between 71 & 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820; that he the said John Aspley enlisted for the term of the Revolutionary war on the __ day of __ in the year of our Lord 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the first Troops of North Carolina Light Dragoons, Commanded by Captain Samuel Ash [Samuel Ashe], that he served as first Sergeant in said Company and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until 1780, when he was discharged from the service in North Carolina. That in 1781 he entered in the North Carolina Brigade under Colonel Henry Dixon, as Sergeant Major and was discharged in 1782 at Pond Ponds [River][sic, Pon Pon, now known as the South Edisto River] in South Carolina; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – That he had a pension drawn up, but was advised, that he could not be placed upon the Pension list, unless he could produce the Certificate of some officer by whom he had then commanded; that he was honorably discharged, which he would was not able to do until within the 11 months since, and in pursuance of the act of first of May 1820, I do solemnly Swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of

Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land or naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. In the year of our Lord 1823 I owned 150 acres of land lying on Bledsoe's Creek Sumner County, a third of which I gave to my son John Aspley in the same year. The balance I now own.

Sworn to in open court February 11th, 1828. signed S/ John Aspley

Schedule of John Aspley's property (property [indecipherable word or words])

100 acres of land lying in Sumner County

5 Sows, 5 shoats and 19 piggs

5 head of sheep

3 cows and 3 yearlings

2 mares

1 Bureau [?], 1 cupboard ½ doz. Chairs and kitchen furniture, 1 slough and 1 hoe 2 axes

That his occupation is that of a former that he is quite infirm; that he has a wife Sally [is] old and infirm; four daughters, Betsy, a widow with a small Child, Nancy 21 years, Sally 20 years, Lucy 18 years old.

Sworn to in open Court February 11, 1828

S/ John Aspley

S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk of said court.

It appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the property mentioned in the foregoing schedule is of the value of \$179.00.

[p 7: On October 18, 1839 in Sumner County Tennessee, Sarah Aspley , 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act. She states she was married to the John Aspley on Jan. 7, 1790. John died on Jan. 6, 1835. Widow's maiden name was Sarah Porter. John and Sarah were married in Halifax County, NC. She signed this application with her mark.]

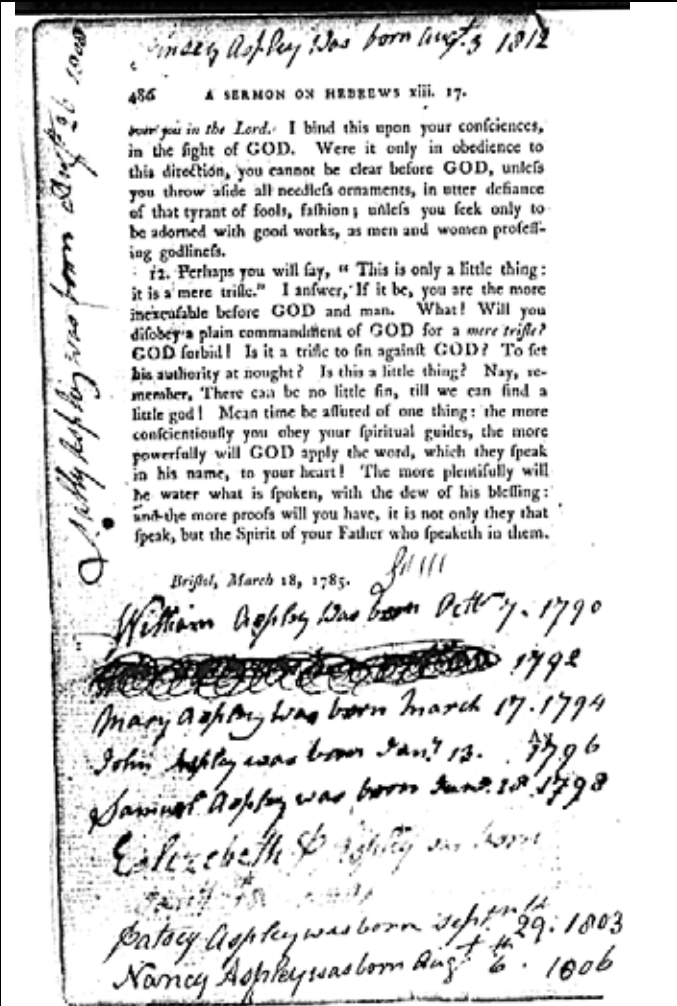
[p 12: On May 23rd, 1840 in Sumner County Tennessee, William Aspley gave testimony that according to the family record and what his parents have always told him, he is in the 50th year of his age and that the annexed family record written on a leaf taken out of the Armenian Magazine is the genuine family record kept by his father; that he, affiant is his parents oldest son; that the family record is in the genuine handwriting of his father John Aspley.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Aspley". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The name "William" is written in a standard cursive, while "Aspley" is more stylized with loops and flourishes. The signature ends with a large, decorative flourish that resembles a stylized "S" or "E".

[p 14: family record:

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Jinsey Aspley was born August 3, 1812
 William Aspley was born October 7, 1790
 [name written through and illegible] 1792
 Mary Aspley was born March 17, 1794
 John Aspley was born January 13, 1796
 Samuel Aspley was born June 18, 1798
 Elizabeth Aspley was born January 18, 1801
 Patsy Aspley was born September 29th, 1803
 Nancy Aspley was born August 6, 1806
 Sally Aspley was born August 26 1808



[p 16: On Feb. 13, 1846, Sarah applied in Allen County, Ky to have her pension transferred to the Kentucky agency.]

[p 20: On August 30, 1852 in Allen County Kentucky, Elisha Pritchett, file documents indicating that he is the administrator of the estate of Sarah Aspley, deceased,; he seeks to obtain an increase in the pension that was due her prior to her death; that she died July 29, 1851 leaving surviving her the following named children: William Aspley, Samuel Aspley, Elizabeth Bales, Martha Key, Nancy Pritchett, Sarah Welch, Jane Mayhew.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1st, 1828, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]