

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eppes Temple W6255

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State of Virginia Prince George County: SS

On this 11th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas B Bryant, John A Phillips, Robert Batte and Augustine Burge Justices now sitting, Eppes Temple a resident of the County of Prince George and State of Virginia, aged about seventy-four 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 entered the service as a militia man under Captain Timothy Rives and Lieutenant James Rives (or Ensign James Rives he does not remember which) in 1778 – That he marched to Smithfield in the County of Isle of Wight & State aforesaid where he served a tour of six weeks, that a Colonel Parker was there – That there was not any engagement with the enemy – That he was discharged, but does not recollect whether in writing or not, but will prove below the fact of his being there. That while in this service he was fifer to the company aforesaid. That in 1779 or 1780 he again entered the service of the United States as a Fifer in a Militia company commanded by the aforesaid Captain Timothy Rives, Lieutenant Stephen Temple & Ensign Drury Hobbs and marched from his native County Prince George to Stoners mills [¹] some 50 or 60 miles below the Court house of this County – That he saw while there Generals Nelson, Richardson & Lawson, That there was not any engagement with the Enemy – That he was then discharged, having been in service six weeks – That if he had a written discharge does not recollect it – That he then returned home and continued till called on again, when he marched under the command of Captain John Holt, Lieutenant Richard Bland and Ensign Peter Woodlief to Petersburg in the County of Dinwiddie where he continued a short time – That from there he marched to City Point on James River in the County of Prince George while there was in an engagement with a man of War – that he continued in the service six weeks as a Fifer and was discharged as aforesaid – That he afterwards entered the service under the command of Captain John Raines Lieutenant Henry Bonner and Ensign Drury Hobbs and marched to Hoods on James River in the County of Prince George – That whilst there stationed had an engagement with the enemy at Cross Roads about one mile from Hoods. That each Army retreated after one fire, That he was fifer to said company – That Colonel Edmund Ruffin & Major James Cocke were at that post – That he was discharged at that place having served a tour of six weeks and returned home. That if he received a written discharge does not recollect it. That afterwards he entered the service as a substitute for David Davenport of Prince George and marched under Captain

Timothy Rives, Lieutenant Lemuel Harrison and Ensign William Gary – That during this service he was in the engagement at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] – That General Muhlenberg, Major Hoffler & Major Boyce were present – That he was at Shirley Hundred at the taking of one of the British barges in the County of Charles City on the James River – That he was one of the bearers of a Flag to the enemy sent by Colonel Alexander Dick for an exchange of prisoners if they had any of the American troops – That from Shirley hundred he marched to Moven Hills [Malvern Hills] in the County of Charles City from which place he was sent by Colonel Dick to guard 28 prisoners to Richmond to be delivered to General Muhlenberg – That he was then in service again six weeks. That he acted as orderly Sergeant – That he was discharged in Richmond by the General last aforesaid and returned to Prince George, his place of residence – He furthermore states that the foregoing discharge was in 1781 and a few months before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town –

He hereby 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.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Eppes Temple

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eppes Temple". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Eppes Temple".

[Augustine Heath, a clergyman, and Drury Birchett gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, James Tinch,² John Eppes and Abraham Alley³ stated that they were present in the Army with Temple.]

I do hereby certify that I saw Captain Eppes Temple in the Army at Smithfield during the Revolutionary War.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September 1832

S/ Hartwell Peebles

I do hereby certify that Eppes Temple of Prince George County & State of Virginia was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and that I personally know of his having served a tour in said War at Smithfield as stated in his declaration, and also to my knowledge he served one other tour at Stoners mill as expressed in his declaration – given under my hand this eighth day of October 1832

S/ John Whitmore⁴

[f p. 14: On March 24, 1842, in Prince George County Virginia, Mrs. Elizabeth Temple, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Eppes Temple who was a Sergeant in the Virginia militia and was pensioned at the rate of \$27.53 per annum; that she married him in Prince George County March 1, 1792; that they were married by Parson Harrison; that her husband died October 1, 1836; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

² [James Tinch S6244](#)

³ [Abram Alley S11955](#)

⁴ [John Whitmore R11477](#)

[f p 2: family record:

January 29 1793 My Beloved mother departed this life a bought [about] Sun Rise
and was Buried March the 2 day 1793 Epes Temple

Epes Temple and Elizabeth his Wife was married March the 1st 1791

William Epes Temple Son of Epes Temple and Elizabeth his wife was born December the 16th
1792 and was Baptized March the 24th 1793

Nancy Chappell Temple daughter of Epes Temple and Elizabeth his wife was born February the
ninth 1795 and was baptized April the 19th 1795

~~Mary Ann Temple daughter of Eppes Temple and Elizabeth his wife was born Saturday
December 22nd 1798 about [illegible] o'clock in the morning~~

Mary ann Peebles Temple Daughter of Eppes Temple and Elizabeth Temple his wife was born
December the 22nd day 1798 and was baptized by Mr. Augustin Heath February the 10th 1799]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.53 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for five
months and 18 days service as a private and one month and 12 days service as a Sergeant in the
Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$27.53 per annum commencing
October 1, 1836.]