

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Epperson W7113 Martha Epperson VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 June 2015.

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit:

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1838, personally appeared before me [Wyatt Cardwell] a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Martha Epperson, a resident of Charlotte County, State of Virginia, aged 80 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836–

That she is the widow of Thomas Epperson late of Charlotte County, Virginia, who was a Lieutenant in the Militia service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution and that from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot at this period of life, recollect distinctly, or relate the particulars of her late husbands services in the old war. She recollects, however, that after her marriage to him, which was in the month of July 1778, he was drafted several times in the Militia, and held the commission of Lieutenant in the Army, and marched to Richmond in Virginia, Guilford North Carolina, and other places not recollected – and during his absences, she was left alone, to scuffle for herself, the best she could– That he was engaged in the battle of Guilfords [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and other battles, the names of which she has forgot. She knows that the marriage took place before the last term of her husbands service expired – and that she has never married since his death. How long he continued in service altogether she is unable to state precisely; but believes he was in actual service as long as nine months. For particulars of service, grade, line and Regiment to which he belonged, officers commanding &c &c she begs leave to refer to the Army Records of the period, and the accompanying certification of old soldiers –

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Epperson, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1778: that her husband, the aforesaid Thomas Epperson, died on the [blank] day of August 1805: and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed –  
Martha herXmark Epperson

Charlotte County Court 6<sup>th</sup> October 1777

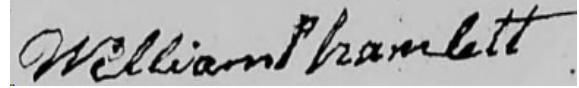
Thomas Epperson Gent. came into Court and produced his Commission to be Lieutenant in the Militia of said County which was read, and then the said Epperson took the oath of a Militia Officer as by law directed. [A Copy]

State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [9 Dec 1838]

I do hereby certify, that I was acquainted with Thomas Epperson in the War of the Revolution; and know the fact, that he was a Lieutenant in the militia service at least nine months. That he first marched in the early part of 1780, to Norfolk, Virginia, under Capt. Harvey, as a Lieutenant in the Company, and served on that occasion three months. That in the same year, he was drafted again, as a Lieutenant, in Capt Williams' [probably Thomas Williams's] company for three months, marched to the South, and was engaged in the battle of Camden [SC], fought in August, 1780 [16 Aug 1780]. He serve then, three months. He was drafted the third time, for three months, as Lieutenant, under Capt Harvey, and marched to North Carolina, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford in March, 1781. He served about three months. I have understood, that he was in other service, but do not recollect the particulars. These facts come within my personal knowledge, being in the service at the time, and a Waggon Master.  
[Thomas Harvey R4715] Thomas hisXmark Harvey

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [15 Dec 1838]

I William P. Hamlett [S13305] of Charlotte do hereby certify, that I was acquainted with Thomas Epperson late of Charlotte in the Revolutionary war, and know the fact, that he was a Lieutenant in Capt Harvey's company, and marched to North Carolina in the early part of 1781, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford. How long he served on this occasion, I am unable to say; but presume, that he served three months, as the militia were generally drafted for that length of time. These facts come within my personal knowledge, being at the battle of Guilford, and a soldier of the Revolution. I am in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of my age.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William P. Hamlett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: In the file is a copy of a bond signed in Charlotte County on 20 July 1778 by Thomas Epperson and William Atkins for the marriage of Epperson to Martha Cardwell, daughter of John Cardwell.