

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thompson Epperson (Epposon) W7115 Mary Epperson f50NC
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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On the third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County and State aforesaid, now sitting for ordinary business, Thompson Epposon a resident of Captain Mangrum's District in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in Albemarle County Virginia in the year 1777 under Captain Robert Harris, was marched to Williamsburg where he was placed under the Command of General Nelson [Thomas Nelson]. Thence we marched to Little Hampton; thence back to Albemarle & was discharged by Captain Harris for a tour of duty. He then removed to Wilkes County North Carolina & entered the service under Captain Moses Guess [Moses Guest] in the Horse Company & served from June 1780 until January 1781 & was at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]. Served with Captain Guest aforesaid six months and was dismissed I Captain Guest.

In January 1781 he removed back to Virginia & in July 1781 he again entered the service in Albemarle County under Captain John Martin & was marched to Richmond Virginia and placed under the command of the Marquis of Lafayette, and was marched to the neighborhood of Williamsburg and was there discharged by Captain Martin & Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richeson] for a tour of two or three months, does not recollect which. He served two tours of duty in Virginia, but does not recollect whether they were two or three months tours consequently does not recollect whether altogether he served 10 months or one year.

1. Was born about the year 1757 in Albemarle County Virginia.
2. Does not know that there is any record of his age.
3. When he entered the service he lived in Albemarle County Virginia, removed as aforesaid to North Carolina & back. After the War he removed to Wilkes County North Carolina lived there about five years & in 1790 removed to his present residence in Georgia.
4. He was drafted for both tours in Virginia & in North Carolina he was a volunteer.
5. Does not recollect the names of Continental officers other than those before recited.
6. Received two discharges in Virginia but they were lost.
7. Is known to Captain Moses Guest¹ & John Stonecypher² who now reside in his neighborhood & who can certify to his having served in the revolution &c. is also known to David Garrison a creature of the Gospel who can certify to his veracity & to his belief of his having been a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares

¹ [Moses Guest W11072](#)

² [John Stonecypher S16539](#)

that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any state within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thomas King, Clerk

S/ Thompson Epposon, X his mark

[David Garrison, a clergyman, gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

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We Moses Guest and John Stonecypher ~~Henry Parks~~ both residents of the County and State first aforesaid, Hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Thompson Epperson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be 75 years of age & that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution. And that we both saw him in the service at the Battle of King's Mountain, & Moses guest thinks he served under him more than six months.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, Clk

S/ Moses Guest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Guest". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

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State of Georgia, County of Franklin

On this Sixth day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes Thompson Epperson who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the original Declaration to which this is attached, and who by the being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

In 1777 he served under Captain Harris one month as a private

In 1780 he served under Captain Guess six months as a private

In 1781 he served under Captain Martin two months as a private

and for such service I claim a pension, & refers to his original Declaration for the names of officers & history of his service

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year above written

S/ Thos. King, CCO

S/ Thompson Epperson, X his mark

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Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Stonecypher who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith, That he was well acquainted with Captain Thompson Epperson of said County (who is now on the pension Roll of the United States) in the time of the Revolutionary war, and knows that he served a six months tour Commencing in June 1780 and ending in January 1781 under Captain Moses Guest. --

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of August 1835 before me

S/ Daniel Mosby, JP

S/ John Stonecypher, X his mark

[p 5: On September 27, 1843, in Franklin County Georgia Mary Epperson, 88, filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Thompson Epperson a revolutionary pensioner; that he died June 9, 1836 in Franklin County Georgia; that she married him as near as recollected on September 22, 1782 in Amherst County Virginia; that they resided in Albemarle County but crossed the line into Amherst and went to the parson's house where they were married; they returned to Albemarle County where they lived two weeks then removed to North Carolina, Wilkes County where they resided eight years and moved to Georgia, Franklin County; that she has no record of her marriage and knows of no person living who can prove the same except Johnson Israel, of Buncombe County North Carolina, if he is still alive. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On March 11, 1852, in Franklin County, Georgia, James L. Gillespie, administrator of the estate of Mary Epperson filed for the pension due her stating that she died November 6, 1843, leaving the following children: Peter (69 years old); Hannah Watkins (65), George (62), John (59), Catharine Griffin (57), Thompson (55) and Charles (49) as her only surviving children.]

[Veteran was pensioned initially at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private in the Virginia and North Carolina militias. His pension was subsequently reduced to \$21.48 per annum. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]