

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Espy (Espy) S31668

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State of Georgia, Clark [Clarke] County: In Clark Superior Court August Term 1832

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before me Charles Dougherty one of the Judges of the Superior Court aforesaid State aforesaid now sitting in & for the County of Clarke, James Espy, a resident of the County & State above named aged seventy two years eight months & eight days being born on the 17th day December 1759. There is a record of his age in a small Bible in my possession. I was born in Pennsylvania, Cumberland County. 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, viz.:

That he entered the service of the U.S. under the following officers & served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup>: John & James Espy, twin brothers, residing in then Tryon now Lincoln County North Carolina engaged to do three months service in the company of Captain John Carruth; that James served one month & a half & was succeeded by his brother, John, who served the remaining month & half. The company was called at that time Rangers & was employed in scouting through the adjoining country & in defending the inhabitants against the attacks of Tories & Indians. The Lieutenant of the company was Benjamin Cirkindal [Benjamin Kuykendall] & the Colonel of the County, Charles McLane [Charles McLean]. This service was in the spring & summer of 1778 as near as deponent can recollect.

2<sup>nd</sup>: From the close of this service he served until about the first of June 1780 in the company of Captain John Barber as a volunteer, sometimes in actual service & sometimes at home but held at any time liable to march, was engaged much of the time in scouting parties. This service was performed while a resident of Tryon & under Barber because the regular Militia company of Captain Sam Espy to which he belonged had so many Tories in it that the friends of the American revolution united with those belonging to Captain Barber's company in an adjoining Military district.

3<sup>rd</sup>: About the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1780, he joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army & continued in the service until after the Battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] in which battle he was engaged, being then in the company of Captain Isaac White.

4<sup>th</sup>: As near as he recollected entered as a substitute for three months in the volunteer company of Captain Isaac White & was engaged during that period in constant service. Col William Grimes was then Colonel.

5<sup>th</sup>: At the close of the above service, entered as a substitute for three months longer under Captain I. White, was with Genl Rutherford's Army pursuing the British to Wilmington & engaged in a number of skirmishes with the Tories particularly at the brick house near Wilmington. Major Joseph Grimes of Mecklenburg was Major.

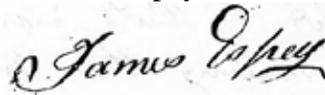
6<sup>th</sup>: In the year 1782 served as Lieutenant in a volunteer company, under Captain James Wilson, Col Joseph McDowell & Genl Charles McDowell a tour of service against the Cherokee Indians the precise time of actual duty not remembered. That during the whole of the revolutionary

war he was a resident of Tryon now Lincoln County N. C. & so generally engaged as holding himself in readiness to be ordered into service as to prevent him from attending to any regular business. He can state that uniting his terms of service he served a period of two years during the war of the Revolution on the side of Liberty & that he has no documentary evidence of the foregoing facts & with the exception of his two brothers whose testimony is subjoined, he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. If he ever received a discharge, which he thinks he did, it is lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He states he has known to the Reverend Alonzo Church, president of the University of Georgia & Augustin S. Clayton, a member of Congress.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court being a Court of Record this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832.

S/ James Espey



S/ Roberty Ligon, Clerk

We, Alonzo Church, a clergyman residing in the town of Athens Clarke County Georgia and Augustin S Clayton of the same place do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James Espey who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 72 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Legon, Clerk

S/ A. S. Clayton

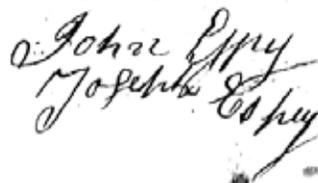
S/ A. Church

Georgia, Clark County: In Clark Superior Court -- August Term 1832

Came in person and to Open Court John Espey & Joseph Espey who being duly sworn deposed & saith -- the first, John Espey, that he knows his Brother James Espey, who has this day made a declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, did serve in the Revolutionary war at one or more times & as he verily believes for a period of two years, & deponent states that he is acquainted with the most of the facts stated by him in his declaration & have substantially confirm his said declaration. Joseph Espey states that he knows of his serving in said Revolutionary War having seen him come & depart from home in the Character of a Soldier & heard him say at the time & talk Frequently of the occurrences of their different military tours -- Deponent was then quite young --

S/ John Espy [sic]<sup>1</sup>

S/ Joseph Espey [sic]



Sworn to in Open Court being a Court of Record, this 15th of August 1832

S/ Robert Ligon, Clerk

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<sup>1</sup> [John Espey \(Espy\) S31669](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for more than 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]