Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to Wyatt Eppes VAS3518 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Eppes, Wyat.]

I certify that Wyat Eppes enlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia continental line the 8th day of September 1777, and continued in the Service till he was killed by the enemy a few days before the surrender of

Charlestown [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780]. Aug 1783.

Wyat Eppes was killed six days before the surrender. William Davies [BLWt597-500] Col. a. a quy

[other side]

We being acquainted, with the family of Wyatt Eppes Dec'd do hereby Certify, that Thomas Eppes, is the eldest son, of Frances Eppes, and Hare at Law to his Brother Wyatt Eppes. Given under our hands this day twenty eighth of February 1784 Edward Bland/ Edm'd Ruffin jr

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.]

I James Tinch [S6244] of Prince George County & State of Virginia, do certify that I was intimately acquainted with Wyatt Eppes before the Revolutionary War, & knew that he the said Eppes entered the service in the said war, and that he was kiled at Charles Town in South Carolina in said service. he was commanded by Captain William Eppes [VAS1282] of the [blank] Regiment of the Virginia State line. James Tinch

Given under my hand this5th day of Feby. 1832.

State of Virginia Prince george County To Wit

Personally came before me Francis E. Rives an acting Justice of said County Thomas Dowden [W4181] who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Wyatt Eppes enlisted in the Contineton service under Peter Jones [S8772] a Captain in said Service for three years and was Sergeant in said Company was in Colonel Davises [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500] Ridgment which was the first Virginia Continnention Ridgment, he enlisted in seventeen hundred and seventy seven and served until his death he was killed at the seige of Charleston by a Cannon ball that he never knew any other person of the name of Wyatt Eppes Sworn to and subscribed before me this sixth of August 1834.

The above deponent states that he is in his Eightyeth year of his Age

Thomas hisXmark Dowden

State of Virginia Prince George County, to wit

Personally came John Eppes of the County and State aforesaid before me Samuel [undeciphered] and acting Justice of the peace for said County and State who being duly Sworn deposeth and saith that Wyatt Eppes Deceased Enlisted in the Continenton service in the Revolutionary War under Captain Peter Jones for the term of three years that he inlisted for the term of three years that he inlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and was orderly Serj in said Company, and that said Wyatt Eppes served Two years & nine months to the North, after which he was marched to the South, and was killed by a cannon ball at the siege of of Charleston, which was in and about three years from the time of his enlistment, This deponent states that he is seventy three years of age next Jan'y that he never knew any other person by the name of Wyatt Eppes, and never knew of his receiving Compensation for said service. Sworn to and subscribed before me. This Deponent further states that Wyatt Eppes as above stated wrote to his friends here that they had been cannonading the Enemy Eighteen days sworn to before me this 12 day of November 1834 [signed] John Eppes

State of Virginia, Prince George County to wit

Personally came Francis Eppes of the County and State aforesaid before me, Samuel [undeciphered] an acting Justice of the peace for s'd County & State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that himself Francis Eppes John Eppes Jones Parish in right of his wife Annie[?] [one or two undeciphered words] Milly Crider [one or two undeciphered words] Elizabeth E Manback[?] niece [undeciphered word] John Brockwell in right of his wife [illegible] Jacob Scarborough in right of his wife Niece of [undeciphered word] Thomas Eppes Nephew of W Eppes – also the heirs of John Crider who was Nephew to W. Eppes there are four children of said Crider without [several undeciphered lines] This deponent states that he knew [undeciphered] of said Wyatt Eppes service saw him on his march from the North to the South, and has every confidence as to the correctness of the testimony made of his service Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th of November 1834 [signed] Francis Eppes

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heirs of Wyatt Eppes beg leave respectfully to Present their Memorial for Land Bounty, to the Executive of Virginia and in support therefor to submit the following statement. That your Memorialist are the Brothers Sisters and Nephew of the said Wyatt Eppes, and are now Citizen of of the State of Virginia that he served under Captain Peter Jones that he inlisted in the Continelton service for three years and was Sergeant in said Company was in the first Virginia Continelton Ridgment. he inlisted the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven. Your memorialist are inclined to believe he served Two years and nine months to the North, then march to the South and was killed by a Cannon ball at the seige of Charleton in defence of his Country. They further are Induced to believe he served three years as it must take some time to march to the South and the seige took up some time, Your Memorialist verily beleive themselves Intitled to Land Bounty for the services of Wyatt Eppes aforesaid, and are induced to this conclusion more from the reports of others, than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject, They therefore believe that if the Claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commisoner appointed therefor that it will be fully shewn, They Respectfully ask that their case may be considered and that such a disposion may be made thereof as that right and Justice may be done 1st Nov'r 1834

John Crider heirs Thomas Eppes guardian Francis Eppes guardian John Eppes brother of the s'd Wyatt Eppes Francis Eppes d'o d'o Elizabeth herXmark Stainback a widdow niece of s'd Wyatt Eppes Milley herXmark [undeciphered] a niece of d'o d'o John hisXmark Brockwell who married a nice of s'd Eppes Jones hisXmark Parish in right of his wife niece of Wyatt Eppes Jacob Scarborough in right of his wife niece of Wyatt Epps

[On 5 Jan 1835 Thomas Eppes, nephew of Wyatt Eppes, submitted a petition similar to the preceding.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 4th day of March 1784, in the name of Wyatt Eppes as a Soldier of Infantry for £4.11.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Thos Eppes and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 18th day of March 1835. Jas E. Heath AUDITOR.

Has received land bounty as a private. Rejection of add'l land bounty is advised. 1835 May 31 Rejected