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Pension Application of Peter Apperson S37680

VA

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At a Court held for Spotsylvania County the 6th day of April 1818.

Peter Apperson came into Court and made oath that in May 1776 he enlisted in this County under Lieutenant Peter Stubblefield to serve two years in Captain Gabriel Jones's company of marines, that he was marched to Hobs hole [sic: Hobbs Hole] on the Rappahannock where he was attached to a Schooner commanded by Captain Saunders and went down the river and remained a marine about eight months the company then had their option to go to sea as marines or to enlist for three years in a state regiment; he chose the latter and entered as a soldier in December 1776 with Captain John Kemp of Culpeper County and was carried to Williamsburg and York where Colo. George Gibson took the Command; after some time the regiment was (as he understood, put on Continental establishment, and ordered to the north, and at Alexandria he had the small pox [inoculation], and when recovered was put under Captain [Thomas] Meriwether of Colo. Gibsons regiment, who marched him to German Town [Germantown PA]. After some time Colo. Gibson was absent and the regiment was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel [William] Brent, and the Brigade by General Peter Muhlenberg. That he served in the revolutionary war the term of three years and upwards, and was discharged in the City of Philadelphia in December 1779. The discharge he has lost. And he further declares on oath as aforesaid, that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support, he having been in some measure provided for by the overseers of the poor for many years past. And John Wigglesworth [John Wigglesworth] also came into Court and made oath that he was acquainted with Peter Apperson, and knows that he was in the army in the revolutionary war and was absent from the County a length of time, and which is ordered to be certified to the secretary of the war department. And it is also ordered to be certified that John Stewart [possibly pension application S6164] made oath in Court that the said Apperson did enlist and serve the term aforesaid in the revolutionary army.

[The [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) includes one for Peter Apperson of Spotsylvania County that is illegible in the online image. The following report gives some detail.]

Petition for bounty land.

Petter Apperson Sold – S&C.L. [Soldier – State and Continental Lines]

There is nothing offered in support of this claim, but the statement on oath of Peter Apperson, the soldier who now claims bounty land. He says, he enlisted & served, for three years & was discharged in Philadelphia in Dec'r. 1779.      Respectfully submitted/      John H Smith Comm[issioner] &c  
To his Excellency Gov'r Tazewell      May 19<sup>th</sup> 1834

NOTE: Apperson received a pension up to 4 Mar 1819, but was dropped because it was thought that he was not in Continental service, as required under the act of 1818. On 6 Sep 1830 Apperson successfully applied for a new pension certificate.