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Pension Application of Peter Eppes S8424

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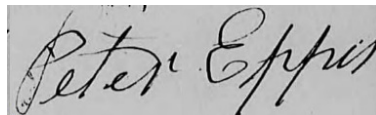
Dinwiddie County SS.

On the 20th day of August 1832, personally appeared before the County Court of Dinwiddie in the State aforesaid Peter Eppes, a resident of Dinwiddie County in the State of Virginia, aged Seventy three years on the 9th day of March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832;

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in March 1776, under Capt'n John Jones, and served in the 6th Reg't. of the Virginia Line, under the following named Officers, (Viz) Mordecai Buckner (Col.) who was succeeded in command by Lieut. Colo. Thomas Elliott, who resigned, and was succeeded by Colo. Syms [sic: Charles Simms] & he was succeeded by Major Sam'l. Hopkins [Samuel Hopkins]; Thomas Elliott was Lieut. Colo. & J. Hendricks [James Hendricks] Major, when the declarant entered the service in the said 6th Reg't. That the said Capt'n John Jones was succeeded in command of the Company by Alexander Rose, who remained in command thereof until this declarant was discharged from service in March 1778 at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he was in the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777] and Mud Island [Siege of Fort Mifflin on Mud Island in Delaware River, 10 Oct - 15 Nov 1777] and many skirmishes; that he marched through the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Delaware while in the Continental Service.

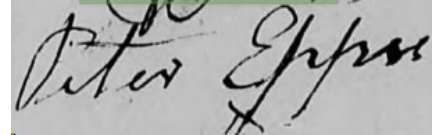
The declarant further states, that he entered the militia service in May 1779 under Capt'n. Edward Pegram, as Ensign, was attached to the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. [Robert] Lawson and served about two months, that he again entered the same service in July 1780 under Capt'n. George Pegram, as Lieut, was attached to the Reg't. commanded by Col. Faulkner [sic: Ralph Falkner] and served a tour of three months, was in the Battle called Gates's defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780], and was on that occasion attached to the Corps commanded by Colo. [Charles] Porterfield; that he was called into service again in October 1780, & served as Lieut. under Capt'n. George Pegram in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Joseph Jones about two months; that he again entered the service in January 1781 as Capt'n. of a Company of Militia, was attached to the Reg't. commanded by Colo. Faulkner, and that in this station he served two separate Tours of three months each; that he was again called into service in July or August 1781, and served until the capture of Lord Cornwallis' Army at Little York [19 Oct 1781], and that he was attached to the army commanded by Gen'l. Lafayette. And that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



The following is an amendment to the declaration of Peter Eppes above set forth, which was made before the County Court of Dinwiddie in the State of Virginia on the 20th day of August 1832. Viz. "Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace for the County of Dinwiddie, in the State of Virginia, Peter Eppes, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades (Viz) For two years served as a private in the Regular Army; For two months served as an Ensign in the militia service in the Brigade commanded by Gen'l. Lawson; For three months I served

as a Lieutenant in the same service in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. Faulkner; For two months I served as a Lieut in the same service in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. Joseph Jones; For six months I served as a Captain in the same service in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. Faulkner. For three months I served as a Capt'n. in the same service in the Army commanded by Gen'l. Lafayette; and for such service I claim a pension."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter G. Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some overlapping letters. The signature is written on a light-colored background.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 29th day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.