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THE ALABAMA SOCIETY
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

-OF-

ELLIS EDWITT EDWARDS, M. D.

DESCENDANT OF

WILLIAM SPER

Who served with North Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary War

Application examined and approved

August 3, 1949

Wm. T. Carpenter
Wm. T. Carpenter State Registrar.

Accepted by the State Board of Management

August 3, 1949

Wm. T. Carpenter
Wm. T. Carpenter State Secretary.

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary August 3, 1949

Notification of election

Fees paid July 27, 1949

Duplicate sent to Registrar General August 4, 1949

Approved and registered by Registrar General AUG 6 1949

Certificate of Membership delivered AUG 23 1949

Badge delivered

Resigned _____ Transferred _____

Deceased _____

AUG 10 1949

Applicant affirms his adherence to the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and his unqualified support of the Constitution of the United States of America, to the end that the inalienable rights of the citizen may be preserved and our ideal representative government perpetuated.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor, who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress; or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907, and as amended.*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 8, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership dues, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

WILLIAM SPEER was born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1758, son of Reverend Joshua Kennerly Speer, I., and his wife, who was a Quakeress. He had two brothers who served with North Carolina Troops during the Revolution, Captain Henry Speer and Colonel Samuel Speer. His home was in Surrey Co., N.C., during the Revolutionary War. When he first volunteered and was accepted for service, he was so young that his Captain proposed to his father that he furnish a pack horse for the service and that William remain at home. This was done. Later he served a tour of three months in Capt. Samuel Maseby's Company, Col. Joseph William's Regiment or Battalion of N.C. Troops. In 1780 he enlisted and served three months as Ensign in the Company of his brother, Captain Henry Speer, Col. Joseph Phillips' N. C. Regiment or Battalion. He enlisted in the fall of 1781 and served three months as Private in Captain David Humphries' Company of Colonel James Martin's N. C. Regiment.

After the Revolution he removed to Kentucky in 1801 and lived there until 1824, when he removed to Alabama where he lived until his death in Jefferson County in 1859, at the age of 101 years, 6 months and 20 days. He is buried in the Bevins Chapel Cemetery, on the old Jasper Road and insight of the Southern Railway tracks between Republic and Brookside, Ala. The D.A.R. has placed a marker on his tomb. His name is inscribed on a boulder erected at Five Points in Birmingham, Ala., by the General Sumter Chapter, D.A.R. The William Speer Chapter, D.A.R., of Birmingham, Ala., was so named in his honor.

He was allowed a pension for his services on his application executed February 13, 1856, Certificate No. 33361 issued August 12, 1856, at \$25.00 per annum from March 4, 1831.

REFERENCES: Vol. 20, File No. S. 11446 Pension Record, Revolutionary and 1812 Section U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pensions Claims S. 11446. Information by Winfield Scott, Commes. History of Birmingham (Alabama) and Its Environs, a Narrative Account of Their Principal Interests, by George Cruikshanks, Vol. 1, Chapter XVII page 325.

The Alabama Historical Quarterly, by State Department of Archives and History, Vol. 6, No. 4, Winter Issue 1944, pp. 649-50.

Land Records of Surrey Co., N.C., and Jefferson Co., Ala.

Records in Family Bible of William and Millie Speer.

Tomestone inscriptions, Bevins Chapel Cemetery; the Crumley Chapel Cemetery; and the Edwards Cemetery, all in Jefferson Co., Ala.

D.A.R. Lineage No. 849054 of Mrs. Gertrude W. Jeffries.

D.A.R. application of applicants sister, Miss Minnie S. Edwards, recently submitted.

Affidavits of relatives covering lineage of applicant from William Speer, the Revolutionary Soldier, to applicants mother, Mrs. Virginia Ellen Young Edwards, attached.

Full maiden name of applicant's wife Eida Scott McGarry born 7/2/1891 married 6/2/1925

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT.
(Added to blank by order of Trustees, July, 1915.)

Name	Date of Birth	Residence
<u>William Ellis Edwards</u>	<u>6/30/1926</u>	<u>Scarsdale, N.Y.</u>
<u>Robert Harrison Edwards</u>	<u>10/26/1927</u>	"
<u>Thomas Allen Edwards</u>	<u>8/8/1929</u>	"
<u>Melida Virginia Edwards</u>	<u>8/24/1931</u>	"
<u>Elizabeth Gordon Edwards</u>	<u>8/1/1933</u>	"

Statement of applicant of services, if any, in the Military or Naval forces of the United States of America.

I entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 19, 1917, from Knoxville, Tenn., was sent to Camp Gordon, Ga., and one month later was transferred to Camp Jackson, S.C. I served as a Pharmacist as Pvt. f.c. in the base hospital until July 1918, when I was attached to the 81st Division and sent overseas to England and then to France. My Division was on the front first in the Voges Mts. and later we were sent into the Meuse-Argonne offensive near Verdun where we remained until the Armistice was signed.

In January 1919, I applied and was admitted to the University of Grenoble where I remained until July 1, 1919. I was then attached to a Casualty Company and shipped back to the U.S. and was discharged at Camp Mills, L.I., N.Y., on July 24, 1919. My Serial Number was 1,868,618.

The following are references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service and for the genealogical data contained in this application:

Camp Mills, L.I., N.Y., on July 24, 1919. My Serial Number was 1,868,618.

In World War II I served as Examining Physician in the Selective Service System on local Board 745 in Scarsdale, N.Y., from Aug. 15, 1942 to Mar. 31, 1947. Supporting data - Photo taken, marked with (initials)

References: D.A.R. Lineage No. 249054
See page 3.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

Wm. T. Carpenter
Worley Simmell

Signature of applicant (Name in full)

Ellis Hewitt Edwards, M.D.

Address (Number, street, city),

148 Edgemont Road,

Scarsdale, N.Y.

Occupation,
Physician

The following acknowledgment is required

STATE OF N.Y.
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
Personally appeared Ellis Hewitt Edwards June 27, 1949

signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature,

Sol J. Jylages
Notary Public

(L.S.)

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970 for William Speer

Record Index

Name: William Speer Jr
Birth Date: 1788
Birth Place:
Death Date: 1812
Death Place:
SAR Membership: 71482
Role: Ancestor
Application Date: 3 Aug 1949
Father: William Speer
Mother: Millie Eastep
Spouse: Patience Speer
Children: Lucinda Speer

Source Information

Record Url: <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=SARMemberApps&h=721053>

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