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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

-OF-

JESSE ELI HARRISON EDWARDS

DESCENDANT OF

WILLIAM SPEER

Who served with North Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary War.

Application examined and approved

Accepted by the State Board of Management

January 5, 1950

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

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

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary Dec. 30, 1949

Notification of election

Fees paid Dec. 22, 1949

Duplicate sent to Registrar General Jan. 6, 1950

Approved and registered by Registrar General

Certificate of Membership delivered *1/10/50*

Badge delivered

Resigned Transferred

Deceased

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 29, 1949

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE ALABAMA SOCIETY
OF THE

**NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

I, Jesse Eli Harrison Edwards being of the age of 67 years
hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from

William Speer
who was born in Maryland on the day of 1758
near Gardendale "warm weather"
and died in Jefferson County, Alabama / on the / day of 1859
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Morris County of Jefferson
State of Alabama on the 18th day of November 1882

- (1) I am the son of Eli Harrison Edwards born 4/29/1843 died 12/3/1920 and
his wife Virginia Ellen Young born 8/17/1852 died 1/23/1892 married 12/3/1873
 - (2) grandson of Martin Young born 1810, died 4/27/1880 and
his wife Lucinda Speer born 7/12/1812 died 4/7/1880, married 8/9/1832
 - (3) great-grandson of William Speer, Jr. born 1788 or 9 died ca. 1812 and
his wife Patience Speer (cousin) born , died , married ca. 1810
 - (4) great-grandson of William Speer born 1758, died 1859, and
his wife Willie Eastep born , died 1850, married 1781
 - (5) great-grandson of Rev. Joshua Kennerly Speer, I. born , died , and
his wife ? (was a Quakeress) born , died , married
 - (6) great-grandson of Aaron Speer born , died , and
his wife Sarah Kennerly born , died , married
 - (7) great-grandson of Moses Speer, II. born 1680 died , and
his wife Anna Varis born , died , married
 - (8) great-grandson of Moses Speer, I. born , died , and
his wife born , died , married
- and he, the said William Speer (No. 4) is the ancestor who assisted in
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of Private and Ensign of
North Carolina Troops, Militia, Pensioner.

Do not attach to this application a record for studies.

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 3, 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 Surry 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 1790 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 1761 and served three months as Private in Captain David Humphries' Company of Colonel James Martin's N. C. Regiment.

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 Bivans Chapel Cemetery, on the old Jasper Road and in sight 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 shoulder 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.

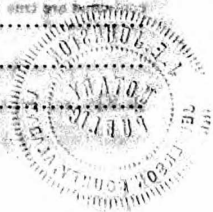
REFERENCES: Vol. 20, File No. S. 11446 Pension Record, Revolutionary and 1812 Section U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pensions Claims 11446. Information by Winfield Scott, Commes. History of Birmingham (Alabama) and its Environs, a Narrative Account of Their Principal Interests, by George Cruikshanks, 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. 649-650.

Land Records of Surry Co., N.C., and Jefferson Co., Ala. Records in Family Bible of William and Millie Speer.

Tombstone inscriptions, Bivans Chapel Cemetery, the Crumley Chapel Cemetery, and the Edwards Cemetery, all in Jefferson Co., Ala.

S.A.R. National 71482 - Alabama 182; D.A.R. Lineage 249054 of Mrs. Gertrude W. Jeffries. D.A.R. application of applicants sister, Miss Minnie S. Edwards, with which were filed affidavits covering lineage from William Speer, the Rev. Soldier, to her mother and mother of the applicant, Virginia Ellen Young Edwards.



Full maiden name of applicant's wife.. **Hassie Ribbon Lawson, b. 8/7/1888; m. 7/16/1909**

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

Name	Date of Birth	Residence
Violet Esther Edwards	10/26/1912	McCalla, Ala.
m. 5/27/1937		
Dr. Charles William Ramey	7/10/1913	" "
They had--		
Violet Charlsen Ramey	12/8/1940	" "
Charles William Ramey II	9/25/1944	" "

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

NONE

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

S.A.R. National 71482 - Alabama 182 .. *Union S. 11446*

D.A.R. Lineage 249054

See page 3, and attached Lineage sheet of the Applicant.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

W. T. Bagley
David H. Jew

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)

Jesse E. Edwards
Jesse Eli Harrison Edwards
McCalla, Alabama
 Occupation, **Physician**

The following form of acknowledgment is required

STATE OF **Alabama** }
 COUNTY OF **Jefferson** } as: **December 29, 1949**

Personally appeared **Dr. Jesse Eli Harrison Edwards**

of McCalla, Alabama,

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

J. E. Johnston
Notary



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: 71497
Role: Ancestor
Application Date: 5 Jan 1950
Father: William Speer
Mother: Millis Eastep
Spouse: Patience Speer
Children: Lusinda Speer

Source Information

Record Url: <https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&db=SARMemberApps&h=721339>

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