

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spencer VAS31

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection includes the following documents relating to a William Spencer who served as a fifer in the Virginia Continental Line and died in service

New Kent July the 13th '86 [1786] I Certify that William Spencer enlisted under Captain Thomas Massey in 1776 & reenlisted under some other officer Captain who I have forgot December 1777.

S/ John Hockerday, Lt. under Capt.  
Massey

I do hereby certify that William Spencer served in the 6th Virginia Regiment Captain Thomas Massey's Company as a fifer for 2 years agreeable to the above Certificate & that he continued in service till 1780 2 my knowledge and I believe in the 2nd Virginia Regiment. Given under my hand 30th day of August 1786.

S/ Saml. Cabell, Lt. Col.  
4<sup>th</sup> Virg. Regt.

I do certify that William Spencer served as one of Colonel Febiger band of music and died in Fredericksburg in that capacity I had a personal knowledge of him which justified this Certification

S/ Wm L. Lovley

Allowed depreciation from January 77 to January 80 is not settled August 29, 86

S/ T. Meriwether

[a copy]

New Kent July 12, 1786

This is to Certify that Beverly Spencer is heir of William Spencer. Given under my hand.

S/ John Bacon