

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spurlock R10023

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: SS: On this 10th day of January 1835 personally appeared before John J Walling one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County William Spurlock aged about Eighty-two years old & after being sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated; to wit about the 15th day of June 1786 he entered the service of the United States by volunteering in the County of bototot [Botetourt] & State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Hugh Crocket [Hugh Crockett] of the militia commanded by Colonel William Cristy [William Christian] & Major \_\_ McClenahan [William McClanahan or McClenahan] & was marched to the head waters of Roanoke [River] in said County & from there he was marched to the Long Islands of holestand [Holston River] to Fort Patrick Henry & from said Fort he was marched to the frontiers of North Carolina; to the Indian towns & on hearing of the approach of the Army the Indians left their towns & from there he was marched to 2 or 3 towns on the frontiers of North Carolina which was left him fortified by those Indians this declarant states he was marched on the frontiers of North Carolina & South Carolina serving by turns round those states until about the 18th of December 1776 when he was discharged by his said Captain & Colonel making 6 months he served & he thinks he was discharged near Wilmington North Carolina & he was discharged in writing and returned home. This declarant states about the 20th of July 1781 he entered the service of the United States by being Drafted in the Company commanded by Samuel Eaison [?]<sup>1</sup> of the militia commanded by Colonel Skileon [probably a mistaken reference to Lieutenant Colonel George Skellern] & Major McClanahan, he was marched to Yorktown State of Virginia & was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis which was about the 19th of October 1781 and he was discharged by his said Captain & Colonel & returned home having served three months: this declarant states he served nine months in the Service of the United States and did serve as [words overwritten and illegible] and states he was acquainted with Generals Lawson & Stevens & Colonels Preston & Lynch & with Generals Eaton & Reatherford [probably Griffith Rutherford] of North Carolina & Virginia who commanded the militia from those states and with General Green [Nathanael Greene] of the Regular Army and was acquainted with William Nichols & Christian Pearson & John Berry of Hawkins County and was born in Bedford County State of Virginia & he has no record of his age & he was living in Virginia when called into service and he received written discharges as before

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stated but they have been long since been lost or mislaid so that he cannot procure them there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood. And he hereby Relinquishes his every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ John J Walling, JP

S/ William Spurlock, X his mark

[Christian Pearson and John Berry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]