

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Therrell (Therrill) R10489 Lucretia Therrell f19SC  
Transcribed by Will Graves rev'd 2/24/17

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The State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District: SS

On this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before Turner Bryan Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District aforesaid, Lucretia Therrell a resident of the District of Chesterfield in the State aforesaid, aged eighty five years on the tenth day of April last, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836: That she is the widow of Moses Therrell who was a Private in the war of the Revolution; that the said Moses Therrell entered the service as an enlisted soldier in the second Regiment and served three years which she believes was the time for which he was enlisted, but at what time he entered the service or under what officers he served, this deponent does not know except that he (the said Moses Therrell) was enlisted by Calvin Spencer,<sup>1</sup> afterwards Col. Spencer, but what rank the said Spencer then bore she does not know. This deponent believes that the said Moses Therrell marched directly to Charleston after he enlisted and that he remained near Charleston the whole three years; she believes the said Moses Therrell was in an engagement<sup>2</sup> whilst stationed on Beaufort Island near Charleston, South Carolina: That the said Moses had two brothers, Abraham & David Therrell who were in the army at the same time and both of whom died at or near Charleston; That the said Moses Therrell, after the expiration of the three years service aforesaid returned home in the month of July but in what year this deponent does not know; That this deponent and the said Moses Therrell were married by Jephtha Vining a Baptist Preacher, in the District of Chesterfield, South Carolina, in the month of October after the return of the said Moses Therrell as above stated, but in what year she does not know but believes it was about two years before the defeat of Gen. Gates near Camden, South Carolina [Battle of Camden, was 15-16, 1780]; That shortly after the marriage of the said Moses as above states, he was drafted for a term of two months, that he marched to Charleston and was there the Christmas after he was married; that he served the two months, but in what company or Regiment, or under what officers this deponent does not know - She does not know that he was in any engagement during the last mentioned term of service - at what time the said Moses Therrell was drafted she does not know, but he returned home in the month of February: That the said Moses Therrell then remained at home and raised one crop, but early in the next spring he was again drafted for five months, as this deponent believes; that he left home before the crop was planted and did not return until this deponent had

<sup>1</sup> Captain Calvin Spencer served in the 5th Regiment of South Carolina Continental troops.

<sup>2</sup> Probably the engagement at Court Royal Island on February 3, 1779;

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gathered the little crop of corn which she had raised; that he was at or near Charleston the whole five months, but she does not know that the said Moses Therrell was in an engagement during the five months, nor does she know the Company or Regiment in which nor the officers under whom he served: That she is wholly illiterate and has no documentary proof either of her marriage, or of the service of her husband; nor does she know of any of the companions in arms of the said Moses Therrell who are now alive.

She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Therrell in the month of October as before stated but in what year she does not know, except that it was about two years before the defeat of Gen. Gates as aforesaid, that her husband, the aforesaid Moses Therrell, died on the tenth day of July about the year 1787, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear in the proofs hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year

Above written, before

S/ Lucretia Therrell, X her mark

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge Of the Court of Ordinary

Millenton Huggins personally came before me Turner Bryan Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Chesterfield District and being duly sworn saith, that he is the brother of Lucretia Therrell who has made the foregoing declaration; that at the time the said Lucretia was married to Moses Therrell, this deponent was a boy; that at the time the said Lucretia was married she lived with her grandfather Edmond Kite; that this deponent was not present at the marriage but recollects that to have been at his grandfather's when the said Lucretia and Moses Therrell returned from being married as it was then said; that the said Moses & Lucretia ever after, (until the death of the said Moses) lived together as husband and wife, and was always so regarded; this deponent always believed and still believes that the said Moses and Lucretia were married as set forth in the declaration of the said Lucretia: This deponent further saith that the said Moses served one tour in the war of the Revolution before he was married, and two tours after he was married; this deponent cannot say of his knowledge the length of time the said Moses served either time, but has always understood & believed & still believes that he served as stated in the foregoing declaration of the said Lucretia: This deponent further saith that he does not recollect the year in which the said Moses Therrell died, but knows that he died shortly after the War of the Revolution, and that the said Lucretia has remained a widow ever since.

Sworn to before me this fifteenth

Day of May A.D. 1839

S/ Millenton Huggins, X his mark

Turner Bryan Judge of the Court of Ordinary

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Rebecca S. Powe<sup>3</sup> personally came before me Turner Bryan Esquire, Judge of the Court of Ordinary in & for the Chesterfield District, who being first duly sworn saith, that she has heard her husband Calvin Spencer deceased who was an officer in the War of the Revolution say that Moses Therrell the husband of Lucretia who has made the foregoing declaration was enlisted by him and that he served in the War of the Revolution; that the said Calvin Spencer after the war settled in the neighborhood of the said Moses Therrell and was always kind and attentive to the said Therrell, who was a very poor man, saying he was a good soldier in the War of the Revolution; She knows that the said Moses & Lucretia lived together until the death of the said Moses, as husband & wife & were so considered in the neighborhood & this deponent believes they were a legally married couple; she further saith that the said Lucretia has remained a widow

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<sup>3</sup> [Calvin Spencer W21983](#)

ever since the death of the said Moses; and she believes the said Lucretia worthy of credit.  
Sworn to & subscribed this

S/ R. S. Powe



Day & year above written  
Before S/ Turner Bryan Judge  
Of the Court of Ordinary State of South Carolina, Chesterfield District

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Before me personally appeared Elizabeth Crowley aged upwards of ninety years who being first duly sworn according to law on oath says that she was well acquainted with Lucretia Therrell, widow of Moses Therrell late of Chesterfield District since her first recollection and well recollects the occurrence of her marriage to Moses Therrell, but was not present at the marriage which took place about three miles from where she, deponent, lived. The marriage took place at the house of Mr. John Norris and well recollects that it was some years before the fall of Charleston, South Carolina; That some time after his marriage the said Moses Therrell enlisted in the South Carolina Line but cannot recollect under what officers and was repeatedly at her house during the absence of her said husband Moses Therrell who was marched to guard the western frontier of South Carolina while in said service and was well acquainted with said Lucretia Therrell up to the time of her death.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1853

S/ Elizabeth Crowley, X her mark

[p 2: Power of attorney dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1853 filed in Chesterfield District South Carolina by Mary Boan who states that she is the daughter of Lucretia Therrell [sic] late a petitioner for a pension who died survived by the following children Welthy Brown, Abigail Therrell [sic] and Mary Boan. She signed this document with her mark.]