

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spencer<sup>1</sup> R18077

f5VA<sup>2</sup>

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Acted July 5, 1832

Claim for commutation

Robert W Spencer Son & heir at law of John Spencer deceased

And Ensign or Lieutenant and Virginia State Line in Rev. War

Power of attorney to ascertain if Commutation be due &c.

Know all men by these presents; that I Robert W Spencer of Halifax County in the State of Virginia, Son, of John Spencer, deceased, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War, and who continued in service to the end of the War do hereby constitute and appoint James Garden of Charlotte County Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and a half, and I also authorize said Garden to employ an assistant at his own discretion to prosecute in the United States Court of Claims and before Congress and the Department of the Interior, my claim for a pension for services rendered by my deceased Father, the above mentioned John Spencer in the Revolutionary War. His power of Attorney to be irrevocable for the term of 5 years from date. Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of February 1857.

Witness

S/ E. B. Spencer

S/ Robert W Spencer, X his mark {Seal}

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The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection contains the following document that MAY relate to this veteran:

King William County March 18th 1781, For valuable Consideration I do Assigned a good Right & title to the balance of my pay & bounty of land as a Serj. & Lieut. in the state Artillery from January 1777 including what is due as a Supernumerary officer to this day to William Reynolds for his Assigns.

Given under my hand at the Courthouse in the County above mentioned

Teste

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<sup>1</sup> This claim MAY relate to the same veteran as [John Spencer W6156](#). C. Leon Harris is convinced they are the same man.

<sup>2</sup> Va. Half Pay

Nathaniel Reynolds

S/ J. Spencer, Late [?]

King William County Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1781. For all that <sup>considerate</sup>  
 I do Assign a good Right & Title to the balance of my pay &  
 bounty of land, as Serj. & Lieut. of the State Artillery from  
 Jan. 4 1778, Seventy seven, including what is due as a superior  
 Officer to this day to <sup>Reynolds</sup> or his Assigns <sup>given</sup> under my hand at  
 the Courthouse of the City above  
 mentioned

Teste  
 Nathaniel Reynolds

J. Spencer

Addendum to John Spencer R18077 and W6156

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 25 Aug 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that I held a Lieutenat's commission in the Virginia State Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colo Thomas Marshall raised during the Revelutionary War for three years and that John Spencer did inlist in said Reg't as a Soldier and in consequence of said Spencer having served two years pryor to that period in Seventh Virginia Reg't raised on Continental Establishment and from his Integrity and good conduct in Colo Thomas Marshall's Reg't he was appointed a Lieutenant in said Reg't and received his Commission as such; and did serve untill the said Reg't was Discharged. Given from under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818.

Teste Ben'd Lipscomb [Bernard Lipscomb]  
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