

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Spencer Smith R9858

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State of Tennessee } SS.

Wayne County }

On this 14th day of July in the year 1838 personally appeared before me Richard N. Rindell one of the acting justices of the peace for said County Spencer Smith seignor a resident of Wayne County and State of Tennessee, (who by reason of bodily infirmity and old age is wholly unable to appear in open Court) aged ninety seven years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 or thereabouts and cannot recollect No of Regiment of the Militia line, under the following named officers to wit, Generals name not remembered Colonel Suthey Simpson [Southy Simpson] name of Major not remembered and Captain Sacker Parker [Sachar Parker], and that he served the aforesaid tour of duty in the year aforesaid on Sickerlig[?] Island and was in gaged seven months, the said declarant volunteered in the State of Virginia Accomack County and that for the space of time aforesaid he served as a private soldier under the command of the aforesaid Officers.

he again volunteered in the State of Virginia and County of Acomack and from thence marched to the Pocomoke River, and was there on guard when the battle of little York [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] was fought and was command by the officers aforesaid except that in place of Captain Parker marched under the command of Captain Joshua Dickerson in this campaign served about five months and that in all he served [one illegible word] twelve months, & that he received no discharge the said applicant can not state definitely the names of the places through which he marched owing to his imbecility both of body and mind, but that he served his country during the revolutionary war for twelve months, that he has no means of proving his services or indenty but by his own oath but refers with confidence to the muster roll to prove the truth of what is here alledged. He would have applied for a pension under the act of 1818, but he was informed that this act only extended to poor and indigent persons, who were unable to support themselves, that he has fought for the liberty of his Country and was unwilling to make a record of his poverty so long as he was able to suport himself by labour or by the small pittance of property he then had

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state
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