

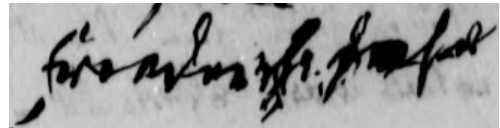
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Frederick Spahr R9948 PA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia Preston County Ss

On this 23^d day of May in the year 1834 personally appeared before me William Glover a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Preston and state aforesaid Frederick Spahr resident of said County of Preston aged Ninety 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 act of congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit under Co. Martin Deal Major James Deal Captain Daniel May Lieutenant Gaster Berbrower and Ensign George Ensminger in the Pennsylvania malitia in what was called the Flying camp in the spring of year of 1776 and that he volunteered for nine months. that he resided at the time that he entered the service in Dover Township in York County in the state of Pennsylvania that he joined his company [illegible word] York and from there he marched to amboy [NJ] and from there to Fort Lee and from thence toward Fort Washington [NY] and from there to Philadelphia where his time expired and where he received his discharged and that he remained some time at each of said places with the exception of Fort Washington and that he was in no battles while in the service and that he was near Long Island when the battle took place there [27 Aug 1776] but on the opposite side of the river and the British fired their cannon at us and I saw several balls strike in the water and we retreated from where we was stationed and that his Captain was taken sick and then Captain Samuel Farrow was appointed in his place. and that he was commissary to his company and that it was his duty every morning to draw provisions for his company and that he served his time out and was discharged at Philidelphia as aforesaid and that he received a discharge which he has lost but does not recollect by whom it was signed. and that he was bornd on the 15th day of April in the year 1744 in York County and when called into the service he lived in said County of York and that he has resided since the Revolution War in said County of York after the revolution War untill the year 1804 and then he removed to the County of Monongalia in Virginia and he resided in said County untill the year 1818 when this County was taken from said County of Monongalia and he has resided ever since in this County and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
[signed in German: Friedrich, last name unclear]



[Certified by John Scott and John Cuppet]

[The following three items are from copies certified by the Secretary of Pennsylvania on 9 Oct 1834.]

A Return of the Militia Officers, marching from York County.

Andrew Melhorn 1st Lieut in the 4th Com. of 1. Batt. [4th Company, 1st Battalion]

Frederick Spahr, Ensign in the 4th Com of 1. Batt.

Certified in York the 24th August 1777 by us John Hay }
 } Sub. Lieuts.
 } Robt Steveson [Robert Steveson]

1777 Sept. 15th Rec'd. Commissions for the above Officers, dated the 15th Septr.

Wm. Scott. [William Scott]

York Co Return of Militia April, 1778.

4th Co

Capt. Christian Lowman,
Ens. Frederick Spaar

The officers of the Second Battalion of York County, Militia are William Rankin Col, John Ewing Lt.
Col. John Morgan Mger, 1st. 2^d 3^d, 4th 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

The 1st Batt.

And'w. Melhorn }
Fred'k. Spahr }

The above is a true copy of the returns of Officers of the 1st and 2^d Battalion made this day. G'l. Robt. Stevenson 1st Lt. & Wm. Rankin Col. to Thos. Armor Clk
York 1st Oct. 1777.}

[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On Spahr's report Singleton wrote, "Fraud."]

Frederick Spark [sic], Applicant – serv'd 9 mo.

I the undersigned Frederick Spark, at the requisition of the Secretary of War give the following statement of my age and services as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution to Wit: I am ninety years old, was born in York county Pensylvania & lived there sixty years – about two years after the war had commenced I cant tell in what year I was drafted under Capt. David May for six months and marched from York County to Philadelphia & was then discharged after serving the six months. Martin Dele was Colonel & James Dele major, whilst in service my Capt. got sick & went home, Lieut. Farmer succeeded to the command of the Company. think my Regt. was the 3rd but am not certain. this is all the service I done in the war, and it is all that I gave in to Byrne who wrote my Declaration. In Witness whereof, I hereto subscribe my name
Frederick hisFmark Spark

Witness

John Capet son in Law of Mr. Spark has often heard his Father in Law say before & since the Passage of the Pension Law that he done but one tour of duty of six months.

A copy W. G Singleton

Note – this old man claims for nine months in his Declaration. I am not by any means satisfied that he done the six months service above detailed.
W. G Singleton/ Nov. 25 1834

Virginia Preston County Ss.

On the 18th day of February 1854 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for said County and State of Virginia Philip Burbower, a resident of said County, who being duly sworn according to law, says that he was personally well acquainted with Frederick Spahr, who lived in the same neighborhood with witness, from the time that witness was a small boy, until the death of said Spahr – that he often heard said Spahr & his father – now deceased, who served with him in the revolutionary war, relating incidents that occurred, and hardships that they endured, while they were in the revolutionary army: this was a frequent occurrence, as we lived near neighbours. Witness verily believes that said Spahr served in the said war, but how long, he does not know – and farther, witness declares, that said Spahr was a truthful man, and in good repute in the neighbourhood, and that he was intimately acquainted with him, during the infirmities of his old age, and believes that during that period of his life, if accosted suddenly by a stranger, he might, without having time for reflection, or conferring with his familiars, make mis-statements. Witness is fifty five years of age, and has no interest in the application of said Spahr or his heirs for a pension.
Philip hisXmark Burbower

Winchester 1st of March 1854

Hon'ble L. P. Waldo/ Commissioner [of Pensions]/ Sir

I have enclosed the affidavit of Philip Burbower as evidence in the case of Frederick Spahr suspended application from Virginia for a Revolutionary pension I wish you would please to reexamine his application. I have no doubt as to his serving 9 months. W. G. Singleton Esqr reported six months which was doing the old man injustice as he was very old at the time, and he examined him but a short time, not giving him sufficient time to remember fully all his services, so I was informed by some of his family. he only lived one or two years after Singletons examination. but if you think that he is only entitled to a pension for six months service you are the Judge to decide. I expect to leave here in two weeks. write to Kingwood, Preston County Va. your obt servant/ John P Byrne

Preston County Va. to wit:

This day personally appeared before me H. Hagens a justice of the peace in & for the county & state aforesaid John Cuppett Jun'r being fifty two years of age, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Frederick Spahr deceased. that he lived some ten years within half a mile of him in the county aforesaid, and that in conversation with him, he has frequently heard him (said Fredr'k. Spahr) say that he held a commission in the Penn'a. line of the revolutionary army – but what grade of commission deponent does not recollect. Deponent farther saith that said Frederick Spahr was, in his lifetime a man of veracity – & farther he saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 9th day of Sept. 1854.

[signed] John Cuppet

Also at the same time came Philip Burbower, who has heretofore testified before me, in this behalf, & after being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that his father & Frederick Spahr lived neighbors in York County Penna. & some forty five years ago both families moved to this County (then Monongalia) where they both lived to be very old men & died many years since. Deponent was acquainted with Frederick Spahr in York County Penna. & in this county up to his death. believes him to have been a man of veracity & never knew either in York County or elsewhere a man of the same name, except his son Frederick Spahr jun. who was too young to have been in the revolutionary war.

Philip hisXmark Burbower