

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Spain R9949

Jemima

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[fn p. 13]

State of North Carolina: SS

On this the third day of November 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law and equity for the State aforesaid Thomas Spain resident in the County of Pitt in the said State personally appeared who being by me first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Thomas Spain enlisted in Pitt County in the State aforesaid in a company commanded by Captain Tartanson [Francis Tartanson or Tarrtanson] first by Captain May [James May] of the 8th Regiment of North Carolina on the 10th of February 1777. That he served in that Corps until the 12th day of May 1780 when Charleston was surrendered to the British the time for which he enlisted to wit 3 years had expired before he was taken prisoner and on the surrender he was exchanged & received his discharge at Charleston in the State of South Carolina – that he was in the Battles of Brandy-Line [Brandywine] & Germantown and at the Siege of Charleston that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

S/ Thos. Spain, X his mark

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Hall

[William Spain & Hardy Robinson gave testimony that the veteran is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country.]

[fn p. 10]

State of North Carolina Pitt County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1820

On this 8th day of November 1820 Personally appeared in open Court having a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount with power to fine & imprisonment keeping records of its proceedings & proceeding according to the course of the common law a Court of Record – Thomas Spain aged sixty years a resident of the County aforesaid & after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. I

enlisted in the 8th North Carolina Regiment Continental line James Armstrong Colonel in Captain James Mays [May's] Company on the 10th of February 1777 for three years. Served in the said Regiment until I was taken prisoner at Charlestown South Carolina in 1780 then was discharged while a prisoner of War by Colonel John Patten which discharge I have lost & was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown & at Monmouth. My former declaration was made on the 3rd day of November 1818 Pension Certificate Numbered 6368 and have received \$128 & 45 cents and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. I have 50 acres of land desert not to be cultivated 2 cows & 18 pigs 1 Cart, 1 Hand Mill 2 Barrels 2 Chests 2 Tables 2 pots 1 frying pan 1 dutch oven 1 ax 1 Weeding hoe 3 Dishes 16 plates 2 Basons 1 Loom & Six Iron Spoon 6 Cups by occupation a Farmer but often find myself not able to labor by a pain in my back & one of my knees. I have a Wife 53 years old one half of her time not able to labor my daughter Ruth Spain 18 years old healthy & that is all my family.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court
S/ Archibald Parker

S/ Thomas Spain, X his mark

[fn p. 16: On August 4, 1840 in Pitt County North Carolina, Jemima Spain, 77, filed for her pension as the widow of Thomas Spain stating that she married him in Pitt County North Carolina sometime in the year 1782 or in the year 1783; that her husband died January 23, 1840.]

[fn p. 4: On August 20, 1850 in Pitt County North Carolina, Nancy Spain, 88, testified that she has been long acquainted with Thomas Payne & his wife Jemima whose maiden name was Jemima Summeral; that they were married at the house of Jemima's father within sight of the affiants father's house; that affiant intermarried with Thomas Spain's brother, William Spain in the year 1797.]

[fn p. 25: On March 16, 1852 in Pitt County North Carolina, Elizabeth Pollard, 85, gave testimony that she was acquainted with Thomas Spain: that she lived within about one mile of Thomas Summerlin, a brother of Jemima Spain, the widow of Thomas Spain; that John Osborn, a cousin of the affiant, was courting a sister of Jemima and told her about the wedding of Jemima to Thomas Spain; that affiant has broken up housekeeping and has removed to her son-in-law's, James Highsmith's house where she now lives; that Thomas and Jemima had a number of children all of whom are dead except Drury, Thomas & Ruthy [she also names a child named Polly who is dead].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3rd, 1818, for 3 years service as a musician in the North Carolina line.]