

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Speagle, Speagles R9963 Susan fn9NC
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State of Kentucky Nicholas County: SS

On this 2nd of April 1840 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County Susan Speagle a resident at this time of said County of Nicholas and State of Kentucky aged seventy-six years the 26th July next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Acts of Congress in order to grant Pensions to the widows of Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers. She states that she was married to Samuel Speagle her deceased husband for whose services she claims a pension. She states that her husband was drafted whilst he lived in the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina under Captain John Hastlesour [?], who was a German under General Rutherford that he marched to Williamsburg and he performed a tour of service of three months. She thinks he was drafted in the fall of 1782 but having no documentary evidence of his service she is unable to say positively that time. She further states that she married the said Samuel Speagle the 3rd day of April 1787 and that her said husband died the 14th day of September 1823 and that she still remains the widow of the said Samuel Speagle.

Sworn and subscribed before me this day and date above written
S/ John M. Raymen, JP S/ Susan Speagles, X her mark

[fn p. 6: Katharine Fifer, 76 gave a supporting affidavit saying that the widow was married at her house on April 3rd, 1787 to Samuel Speagle; that she knows that he served as his widow states because he was her brother and knows when he started and returned from his service of 3 months.]

[John Speagle, is about 69 years of age, also gave a supporting affidavit stating that he knows the widow was married and she states in her declaration; that he was at his father's house when they were married and that they lived together as man and wife until the death of Samuel Speagle.]

[A note in the file indicates that the widow's claim was rejected because her husband did not serve the required 6 months to qualify for a pension.]