

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spencer R9987

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State of Virginia King & Queen County SS

On this 18th day of April 1835 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State William Spencer of the County and State aforesaid aged 82 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 with Captain Thomas Spencer and served [in the] __ Regiment of the Virginia Continental line for the term of three years and was boman [?] for said Captain Spencer at the expiration of the three years. I then enlisted in Colonel Armand's [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] Corps for during the war and served until the close of the war 1783 as the following statement shows

Period when service rendered	Duration of Service	Rank	the field officers under whom he served	Age at present and place of abode
March 1777 to from 1780 March Nov. 1783	years months 3 3 2	<u>Boman</u> Private	Genl. Washington Genl. Green Genl. Wayne Capt. Spencer Col. Armond	82 years King & Queen County State of Virginia

I was in several engagements in the North during my first tour I recollect I was in the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and at the battle at Stony Point [July 16, 1779] when General Wayne commanded these are the only battles I can't distinctly recollect my memory being much impaired. I lived in York County when I first enlisted I do not recollect the Regiment, I was in the first tour I served nor do I know any person now living who can testify to my services. 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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year before me as above written

S/ William Spencer, X his mark

S/ John Motley, JP

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born

Ans. In the year 1753 in York County Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. Ans

No. 3. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? And where do you now live.

Ans. I lived in the York County when called into service I have lived part of the time since in the County of Essex I am now living in the County of King & Queen.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

& if so for whom

Ans. I enlisted

5. State some of the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and general circumstances of your services?

Ans. This I have done in my declaration to the best of my recollection.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans. I don't recollect of receiving a written discharge

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. Captain Richard Evans Doctor Richard

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 6th day of December 1785, in the name of William Spencer, as a soldier of Infantry for £17.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Pate and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
20th day of March 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR