

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spiars (Spires, Spiers) R9997

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The Declaration of John Spiars, Grandson of John Spiars, a Soldier of the Revolution, for the purpose of obtaining a pension in right of said John Spiars, through his widow under the act of 7th of June 1832

State of Virginia County of Washington: SS: On this 25th day of April in the years 1854, Personally appeared in open Court, now in session, for the County aforesaid, John Spiars, who, in due and solemn form of law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he is the Grandson of John Spiars who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, that said Spiars, did serve in said war, which is proved by the enclosed certificates which is in the words following to wit

North Carolina Guilford County

1st This may Certify, that John Spiars, hath, Hired with me in class with 13, in all 15, in raising a Continental Soldier for one-year, agreeable to late act of assembly &c 4th May 81

A. Phillips

2nd This may Certify, that John Spiars, hath joined in My Class of 15, and is therefore Clear of draft, for the same tour 29th of April 81

A. Phillips

3rd Certified that John Spiars, Soldier in Colonel James Martin's Regiment, Captain a Phillips' Company, hath faithfully served the present tour of duty, is hereby discharged from the same, Certified by us, this 20th day of November 1781.

Jno. Gillespie Major

that the said John Spiars, and his wife, were married in the year 1778, that the said John died in the year 1825 on 25th of May, that his widow died the 19th of August 1836. Neither of which, having claimed; the Heirs in consequence of her marriage having taken place prior to the [indecipherable word] of her Husband's service claims under the law and right of her, she being entitled as her Husband would have been from the 4th of March 1831 up to her death, 19th of August 1836, the said John Spiars & wife never had but two children to wit John & Thomas, who resides in the County Scott, State aforesaid, they respectfully pray that said pension be granted to them.

S/ John B. Spiars

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Test: S/ Jacob Lynch, CC

Virginia

At a court held for Washington County the 28th of August 1854

Staunton Pemberton and Wallace Willoughby personally appeared in court and being duly sworn state that they were acquainted with John Spiars deceased who departed this life in this County twenty-five or thirty years ago, for ten or fifteen years previous to his death; and were well acquainted with his family. That the said John had eight children, namely, Thomas, John, William, Daniel, Samuel, Patsy, Polly and Elizabeth. That the said Patsy married Lewis Orfield – Polly married Hugh Hall and Elizabeth married John Wilson. That the said Daniel is dead and left no children. And it is ordered to be certified, that it appears to the court by legal and satisfactory evidence, that Thomas, John, William and Samuel Spears, Lewis Orfield and Patsy his wife, Hugh Hall and Polly his wife and John Wilson and Elizabeth his wife all the children and only legal heirs of John Spiars deceased. The foregoing is a true copy from the records of the court of said County. In testimony whereof, I Jacob Lynch Clerk of the court of said County have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said court this 8th day of September in the year 1854. S/

Jacob Lynch, CC

State of Virginia County of Scott: SS: On this day personally appeared before the Worshipful court now in session, for the County aforesaid, John Spiars who in due and solemn form of law, doth, on his oath declare, that his father John Spiars was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution as he shown by his discharge in the pension office, that the said John Spiars performed 2 tours of Service in said war, whether of 3 or 6 months each he cannot say, that the said John's death is proved & the death of his widow Frances Spiars, as certified by the clerk of the County Court of Washington, that the heirs now living (to wit, the children of the said Francis Spiars at her death, was also certified by the County Court of Washington with appointment of administration of the estate of said Francis Spiars his mother.

S/ John Spiars

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 15th day of November 1854.

S/ J. Morrison, Clerk

This may certify that John Spiars hath joined in my class of Septem. and is therefore clear of Draft 20. Apr. 81. For the same Service.

Certified that John Spiars served in Colonel James Martin's Regt. & Captain [unclear] Co. the Company hath faithfully served the present term of duty. is hereby discharged from the same
the 20th day of November 1851
J. Morrison

North Carolina Guilford County this may certify that John Spiers
thirteen in all fifteen in raising a
Continental Soldier for one year agreeable to Late
Act of Assembly 21st May 81. Phillips

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This is to certify, that it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line 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, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of the said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (See Henning's Statutes at Large, Vol.10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 24th day of December 1785 in the name of John Spiers as Sol. Inf. and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him for £11.5.4 delivered to Colonel Cropper but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this Office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 5th day of August, 1854
S/ G. W. Chitler, Ar P. Acots

[NOTE: The documents in this file appear to relate to two different soldiers, one who served in NC and the other in Virginia. I have not tried to distinguish the two.]