

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Spencer S11440

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State of Virginia King William County SS

On this twenty eighth day of May 1834, personally appeared before may Robert Hill a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Hezekiah Spencer seventy-six years of age on the 8th day of October last; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. – He the said Hezekiah Spencer entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He the said Hezekiah Spencer of the aforesaid County and State was drafted into the militia service of the United States on or about the 10th day of October 1780 under Captain Robert Drudry [? Robert Drewry?]¹ and met at King William Courthouse and marched from thence to Williamsburg, passing through New Kent County, from thence to Richmond City from thence to Malvern Hills, from thence to Hubbard's old fields in Gloucester County and there remained until discharged after having served a tour of three months. He was again ordered out under draft under Captain Terry, and met at King William Courthouse on or about the 15th day of April 1781, and marched from thence to Williamsburg, and was there stationed in the barracks some short time, and was then marched on thence to Sandy Point, from thence to old point Comfort, and there remained until discharged after having served a tour of three months –

He was again ordered out under draft under Captain Martin and met at King William Courthouse on or about the 15th day of August 1781, and marched from thence to Williamsburg, from thence to Gloucester County, and was marched about the County to different places until he had served a tour of two months; making in all a service of eight months he served as a militia man in the revolutionary war of the United States, for which he claims a pension. He the said Hezekiah Spencer was born in the County of King William and State of Virginia where he lived ever since his birth. He was acquainted with the following named officers, Colonel Holt Richeson [also spelled Holt Richardson], Colonel John Taylor, Major Campbell, Colonel Griffin, and many others, He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his time of service, Robert Hargrove, Binmon Slaughter, William Terry and Robert Brumfield, residents of the aforesaid County and living in his neighborhood, know the said Spencer, and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution; 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.

S/ Hezekiah Spencer

¹ There was a Capt. John Drewry listed as being a militia officer from King William County. I could not find an officer named Robert Drudry (Drewry, Drury or any other variation I could think of.)



[Robert King and Albert Johnson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

Question the 1st, where & in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of King William in the year 1758

Question the 2. Have you any record of your age, and where is it?

Answer I have no record of my age –

Question the 3. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the revolution, and where do you now live?

Answer I was living in King William County when I was called into service 1st, where I now live and where I have always lived

Question the 4. How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer? Were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was always drafted and never a substitute at all.

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

Answer Colonel Taylor commanded the regiments I was in and I have named several officers I knew in the body of my declaration.

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

Answer I never received a written discharge that I recollect –

Question the 7th. 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 services as a soldier of the revolution –

Answer. That I have done in the latter part of my declaration above.

S/ Hezekiah Spencer

State of Virginia King William County to wit

We James Whitlock² aged seventy-two years and William Winn³ aged seventy-six years, of the State and County aforesaid do hereby verify that we are well acquainted with Hezekiah Spencer of the same County and well know that the said Hezekiah Spencer was drafted into the militia service during the Revolutionary war under Captain Robert Drewry of King William Courthouse, and the said Spencer served a tour of duty of three months with us in the same company and we were then discharged and returned to our respective homes, and after being at home sometime, we were again ordered out under draft under Captain William Terry of King William County, and the said Hezekiah Spencer was ordered out with us, and he served a tour of three months with us in this last mentioned tour, and was in our mess – with us the whole time – Given from under our hands and seals this 29 day of May 1834.

S/ James Whitlock, X his mark

S/ Wm Winn

² [James Whitlock S11742](#)

³ [William Winn S11699](#)

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]