

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Springer S1592

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State of Georgia Fayette County

On this thirteenth day of January 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County, now sitting Benjamin Springer a resident of the said County in the State aforesaid aged about seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the revolutionary war under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he lived when first called into service in the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County. That being a citizen of said place in the first of the year 1781, he volunteered in a tour of six months under orders from authority of the state of North Carolina and at said time he was marched under the command of Captain Cook of Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun] Regiment that he served under the said Captain Cook as a private soldier and marched through various parts of the Country some part of the time through a part of the State of South Carolina. That the said company was called scouts or Indian spies. That while on said tour he was in actual service of his country not less than six months when he was verbally discharged and returned home that while on said tour he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

That he had not been long at home in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina when he was drafted and ordered to march on a tour of six months by authority of the said State of North Carolina. That he entered on said tour in the fall of 1781, and was commanded by a Major Lewis of Colonel Hogan's Regiment. That he was marched under the command of the said Major Lewis to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina where at said place they were stationed the said six months some part of the time he was scouting the adjacent Country and guarding some Tory prisoners, among whom was a Tory Colonel by the name of Bryan who was afterwards taken on to Charleston and exchanged for one of the United States officers, believes for Colonel Washington. That after serving on said tour as a private soldier peace said six months he was verbally discharged and returned home to Mecklenburg County from whence he started. That while on said tour he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That he had not been long at home when he removed to the State of Georgia in Wilkes County. That he had not been long at said place (Wilkes County Georgia) when orders was given by authority of the State of Georgia for raising men to go against the Indians & Tories which was in the summer of 1782, when he substituted in a man's place whose name was Samuel Davis, and that as a substitute he entered the service of his country under the command of a Captain Ottery [?] of Colonel Clarke's Regiment on a tour of three months that he was marched to Washington in the State of Georgia

which was in the summer of 1782 and at Washington they were met & joined under the command of Colonel Clarke from thence they were marched under the command of the said Colonel Clarke to the fork of the Oconee River in the said State of Georgia, where they were met and joined under the command of General Pickens from South Carolina -- from thence they were commanded by Pickens & marched through the Northwestern part of Georgia, scouting and putting to flight the Indians and Tories killed some of both, took some prisoners &c -- and after serving on said tour as a private soldier not less than three months he was verbally discharged & returned home to Wilkes County from where he started which was in the latter part of the fall of 1782 -- and that while on said tour he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That in the said County of Wilkes and some other place in Georgia he resided until the year 1817 at which time he removed to the State of Tennessee where he resided until latter part of the year 1831 at which time he removed back to the State of Georgia Fayette County where he is now a resident. That he has no record of his age, but believes he is about 75 years of age. That he was born in the State of Virginia Frederick County in the year 1759, and was removed from said place with his parents and their family when about six or seven years of age to the State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County where he was raised and was a citizen when he entered the service of his Country in the revolutionary War. That he received no written discharge from the time of the officers he served under. That he has no documentary evidence. That during the term of service as before stated he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That he was in actual service of his Country as a private soldier, not less than 15 months. That Elizabeth Doster of the County of Jackson in the state of Georgia knows that he served in the revolutionary war. That he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure that can testify to his services. That William K. Patton a clergyman & Andrew McBride all persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity. That 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Benjamin Springer, X his mark

To the first Interrogatory he answers

That he was born in Frederick County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759

To the second he answers

That he has no record of his age

To the third he answers

That he was living in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina when called & entered his first & second tours, and that he was living in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia when called on the last tour, and that he has lived since the revolutionary war as before stated in the declaration and does now lives in Fayette County Georgia.

To the fourth he answers

That he volunteered on his first tour that the second tour he was drafted & that the third tour he substituted in one Samuel Davis his place & served all as a private soldier.

To the fifth he answers

That Colonel Hogan, Major Lewis Colonel Clarke and General Pickens were the only officers he knew much about or that he can recollect that was ranked higher than captains during his services, and the General circumstances of his services he has stated as particular as he could in the declaration.

To the sixth he answers

That he received no written discharge from the time of the officers he served under.

To the Seventh He Answers

William K. Patton & Andrew McBride are persons acquainted with him in his neighborhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution.

[William K. Patton, a clergyman, and Andrew McBride gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8 et. seq.: another application, this one dated June 17, 1833, which is almost word for word the same as the application set forth above—this is no explanation given for why the veteran was required to file his application twice.]