

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Spencer Menefee S16191

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The State of Indiana, County of Decatur

On this 24 day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Judges of the Decatur Circuit Court for the county of Decatur in the State aforesaid, now sitting, Spencer Menefee, a resident of the County of Decatur in the said State aged sixty nine years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered and entered into the service of the United States under Captain James Browan [?]<sup>1</sup> in the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia where he then resided in July in the year 1779. That he marched from there to Philadelphia—that he was dismissed from service in October 1779 at Philadelphia, having served three months—that he has entirely forgotten the name of the Lieutenant and ensign of his company, and also the days of the months that he entered and left the services, that he joined the continental troops at Philadelphia and served with them during the whole of the above term of service.

That he [words obliterated] and entered the service of the United States in the month of March in the year 1780, at Culpeper County, Virginia, where he then resided, under Captain \_\_ Noll [?], Lieutenant Benjamin Pullum [?]<sup>2</sup>, that he marched from there through Fredericksburgh [Fredericksburg], Bowlinggreen [Bowling Green], James River, to Cabin Point where he joined the troops under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] - Genl. Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] & Demarcus [Lafayette] were also there—there was also at that place, a Brigade Major, called DeClumen [Christian Charles de Klauman]—that he was dismissed from service at Cabin Point Virginia in November in the year 1780 having served in this tour eight months.

That he was drafted and entered the service for the third time during the Revolutionary War in March 1781 at Culpeper County Virginia under Captain Wm. Kistly [could be Kirtley] marched from there to Richmond, Virginia where he joined the regular Army under Genl. Anthony Wayne—General DeMarcus and Brigade Major DeClumen was there also—that he was at a battle at Petersburg [Petersburg, April 25, 1781] on the Appamatock [Appomattox] River, Virginia, Genl. Wayne Commanded the Army at that battle—Genl. DeMarcus was also at that battle in which the Americans were beaten & a great number killed and wounded—that he resided in Culpeper County as aforesaid when he entered the Service—that he was crippled on his march in the night, which they performed in

<sup>1</sup> James Browan

<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Pullum

order to reach Yorktown, shortly before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], that he sustained the said injury by accidentally treading in a wagon rut—that to this day he has not recovered of the injury he received in the Service—that he is still a cripple in consequence of the injury then received—that he was discharged in October in the year 1781 near Yorktown, Virginia of having served a tour of about eight months. That he cannot recollect the names of his Lieutenant & Ensign. That he has no record of his age. That he was born in Culpeper County Virginia in the year of 1762. That since the war he resided in Kentucky till within five years when he removed to Decatur County in Indiana where he now resides.

That he is poor—has no property of any kind, and depends on his friends for support, that he is unable, in consequence, [of] the palsy together with the injury he received in the Army, of pursuing any business for a living, that he has been afflicted with the palsy for fifteen years. That he has no documentary evidence of his Service and that he knows of no person, now living, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the Agency of any State. Sworn & Subscribed the month, the day & years aforesaid.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Witness

S/ H.F. Robison

S/ Spencer Menefee, X his mark

We James Freeman a clergyman residing in Greensburg Indiana, and John Corban residing in the same place hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Spencer Menefee who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be sixty nine years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Freeman

S/ John Corbin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service.]