

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Spilsby Daniel S21158                      VA  
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[Capitalization partially corrected.]

State of Tennessee }  
Fentress County }     on This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared before me Robert H  
Richardson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the county of Fentress State of Tennessee,  
Spilsby Daniel a resident citizen of said county having no record of his age has no certain knowledge of  
his age only as herein stated, he recollects that he was understood To be fifteen years of age at the time he  
first entered the service in the Country where is now in Russel County Virginia [sic: Russell County,  
formed in 1786 from Washington County] he entered said service under Capt William Bowen in the  
spring season of the year to serve a tour of six months against the Indians he volunteered instead of  
standing a draft he cannot recollect the precise time month or year but he recollects it was in the spring  
before the Battle of Kings Mountain [7 Oct 1780] he continued in service mostly all the time at said  
Barrens fort during which time the Indians done some mischief by killing some private persons toward  
Greenbrier and they company went on from the and he applicant helped to bury them he was in some  
other short marches after having served out his said term of six month he agreed voluntarily, to serve six  
months more under said Capt Bowen. He received no discharge neither written or verbal untell he served  
out the last tour of six months at which time he was verbally discharge by his said Captain in the spring  
after the Battle of Kings Mountain he knows not the month or date he then continued to live in the  
western part of Virginia about twenty years after the end of the war and then moved to Cumberland  
staid there many years, thence to Wayne County Kentucky staid their several years thence to Overton  
County Tennessee staid there eight or ten year's thence to where he now lives he was born in Bedford  
County Virginia his parents died when he was young he has no written or documentary proof of his  
service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service he thinks he can prove his reputation  
as having been a Revolutionary soldier by his intimately acquaintance generally some he will name to wit  
James Coyle William Doss and many others he states that he is wholly unable to attend a court of record  
from bodily infirmity that he is sicly and infirm and has been a cripple many years he states there is no  
clergyman in his present neighborhood and that it is a long distance to go to get one that he has any  
acquaintance with  
he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares  
his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state                      Spilsbey hisXmark Daniel

State of Tennessee }  
Fentress Country }     On this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of ugust 1834 personally appeared before me Robert H. Richardson a Justice of  
the peace in and for the County of Fentress aforesaid, Spilsbey Daniel was after being Duly sworn for that  
purpose on his Oath makes the following amendment To his original Declaration; he states that he was  
called into service under Capt William Bowen whom he has no doubt was legally authorized to act as  
such, it was spoken of and understood; that there was to be a draft for men to go against the Indians, and  
he applicant volunteered in the act of standing a draft, astated in his original declaration and he served as  
therein stated he recollects that he was understood to be fifteen years of age at the time of entering  
service he has no doubt but he was at least that age; he marched to many points and places all of which  
he has only stated or spoken of inpart in his original declaration. he was at one time sixty or seventy miles  
from the fort toward Greenbrier and the soldiers buried some persons that had been killed by the Indians

and then marched back the fort where he stationed a great part of the time applicant was marched with Capt Bowen men some considerable distance, and was a day or two with Captain Jamison's company another ranging company and he was marchd back toward the fort and it was said that Jamison and his men wer gone on toward where Col. [John] Sevier's Regiment was; applicant serv'd a few days under a certain Captain Leeper who was then commanding a little detached parcel of 7 or 8 men that wer properly of Bowens company during which few days he was at Dump creek [sic: Dumps Creek] and through the New garden settlement [on Thompson Creek in present Russell County], applicant did not know that all these particulars would be material would be essential when he arranged his original declaration there are perhaps many other events that he might relate relative to his service but these are the prominent points that at present present themselves to his view, he had a great many marches during his times of service some longer and some shorter mostly of ten or fifteen miles he had a great many difficulties and severe hardships to encounter he bore arms whole time in a regular embodied corpse under Capt William Bowen for two terms of six months as a private Spilsbey hisXmark Daniel

State of Kentucky Clinton County S.S.

On this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1858 personally appeared before me Thomas Harbie a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Sally Daniel aged 74 years the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September next. She is the widow of Spilsby Daniel Deceased She is well known to me and being first duly sworn by me on her oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain Bounty Land and pension on account of the Services of her said husband Spilsby Daniel in the Revolutionary war and the Indian War of 1790. Declarant states that her name before she was married was, Sally Asberry. that she was marreid to Spilsby Daniel in Wythe County State of Virginia by a preacher as she thinks, but cannot be positive or squire which nor can she give his name. She states that her husband before her marriage with him done several towers of duty in the Revolutionary war and served other towers of duty in the war of 1790 as he always said against the indians She states positively that she was raised within about three or 4 miles from her said husband and well recollects of his going in to and returning from service this time she thinks he was gone 9 months or perhaps a year. that he had rendered service as he said for a considerable time in the Revolution before its close Declarant states that the Captain who her husband served under the last time, was Moses Cockerel. She states that one Andy Smith went with him and returned with him that he died in Cumberland County Kentucky about 2 years ago declarant that as she understood said Smith drew a pension for his service in the revolution She states that her said husband applyed for pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, but never got his pension She states that his pension certificate issued as she thinks, but, through neglect or some cause his money was not drawn She states that she and her said husband, and three children moved from Wyth County Virginia to Cumberland County Kentucky and has lived near the same place nearly all the time ever since that the place where she lived most the time is now included in Clinton County Kentucky She states that said Daniel died in Clinton County six years the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March last that she is still the widow of said Daniel and has remained his widow ever since his death She refers to the Rools of pensioners under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 for evidence of his service, or such as may have been forwarded in his application She refers to the rools for evidence of his service under said Captain

She will in due time apply to Clerks office of the County for evidence of her marriage that she has no record evidence of her marriage in any book or otherwise. She makes W C Dabey her agent in this claim and desires an answer directed to him. She is unable to give the name of his Colonel or the Regiment to which he belonged. She states that her said husband was for a great many years a bad criple and a vary poor man and lived in a remote part of the County that she is vary old and frail that he was a great deal older than declarant when they ware married Sally herXmark Daniel