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Pension application of Charles Spann S21497

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this 28th day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Equity now sitting Charles Spann Senior a resident of the District & State aforesaid aged eighty 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1775 he resided in Halifax County in the State of North Carolina. That he was at that time about twenty-one or twenty-two years of age, that there was a call made for volunteers to march to the Town of Norfolk in the State of Virginia, that he volunteered in a company of Infantry commanded by one Captain Samuel Welding and that the Regiment was commanded by Colonel [indecipherable first name] Long [could be "Loring"], that he marched with the company & Regiment aforesaid to Norfolk where he remained doing duty as a volunteer for the space of three months – That in the year 1776 he was still residing in Halifax County in North Carolina when there was another call for volunteers to march to Wilmington in that State that he again volunteered his services and attached himself to a company of volunteers called "minute men" under the command of Captain Robert Peobbs [? Peebles or Peoples?], the Regiment was commanded by Colonel (afterwards General) Thomas Eaton – that he marched in said company of "Minute Men" to Wilmington where he remained until he was discharged which was near four months – That in the year 1778 or 1779 he removed to Craven County (now Sumter District) in the State of South Carolina, that in the same year he volunteered his services under Captain Nathaniel Moore who commanded a company of Infantry – that he marched to what was called the Augusta Camp on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River opposite to the Town of Augusta where he remained doing duty for better than three months at which time the company was discharged – That in the year 1780 or 1781 he was taken prisoner by the British & Tories and carried to the Town of Camden South Carolina and was detained until he got the small pox when he was permitted to go home, that as soon as he recovered, he went to the camp of General Francis Marion and offered his services that he was placed in the Company of Captain Josiah Furman, that he was with Marion at the taking of Fort Watson on Scott's Lake in South Carolina also at the taking of Fort Motte – The said Charles Spann also states that he has no written discharge, or any other documentary evidence by which to prove the above statement and further that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure (the only man who

knows of his services having died about three weeks ago) who can testify to his service – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me one of the chancellors of the said State in open court.

S/ Charles Spann, Senior, X his mark

S/ Job Johnston

[James Parsons, a clergyman, and Hastin Jennings gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]