

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Sparrow S31384

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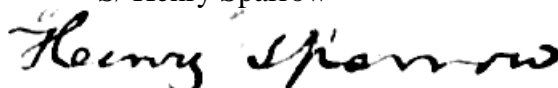
State of Kentucky Mercer County: SS

On this 2nd day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Worshipful Justice of said County now sitting Henry Sparrow aged 68 years a resident of the County of Washington and State of Kentucky 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was drafted at Mecklenburg Courthouse State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1781 under Captain Thomas Shipp in Colonel William Munford's Regiment for a Tour of six months and marched to Taylor's ferry on the Roan Oak [Roanoke] River where I was detailed as a guard to said ferry and also a guard to the Magazine that was kept about one half a mile from said ferry, where he was stationed in in which capacity he acted until after the surrender of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis, October 19, 1781] at York when he was honorably discharged having served upwards of six months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Sparrow



On this 2nd day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court now sitting James Clarke¹ a citizen of said County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged seventy-four years being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he served as a guard with the said Henry Sparrow at Taylor's ferry on the Roanoke River. That upon his arrival there from Guilford he found said Sparrow then acting as a guard to said ferry and the Magazine that was kept about a half-mile all. That he knew Sparrow they were raised in the same County together and were discharged at the same time and place. That he is fully satisfied that the said Henry Sparrow served his full Tour of six months and that he was a faithful Soldier and further not. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Clark

¹ FPA S30941

James Clark

The further Declaration of Henry Sparrow made in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1833 [sic, 1832]

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and answers as follows –

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. I was born in Mecklenburg County Virginia in the year 1765 October 9th near the Cran [?] Oak River

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I was Christian in the Old Church of England, and I was informed, parents, but I do not know that any record of my age exist at the present day.

Question 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I lived in the State & County aforesaid and was drafted for a tour of 6 months. I do not recollect the year that I removed to the County. I know that I have lived in Mercer County Kentucky upwards of 40 years and some few years since I removed to the County of Washington near the Mercer line where I now live

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

Ansr. General Green was our principal commander Colonel Munford was the commander of our Regiment and Captain Shipp commanded at the magazine. I recollect no particular circumstance of my service except what is named in my 1st declaration.

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

Ansr. I did receive a discharge at the time I quit the magazine from the officer in command but it is lost or mislaid so that I cannot find it.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. Honorable, speak more, James Clark, Colonel C. T. Burton, Dred Boling, Wm Guthrie Esquire, Samuel Ewing Esquire and my whole neighborhood if it be required.

And further saith not. Signed and sealed the 7th day of December A.D. 1833

S/ Henry Sparrow, X his mark

[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.]