

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spring S31387

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The State of Louisiana Parish of St. Helena

On this fifteenth day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Clark Woodruff Judge of the 8th Judicial District of Louisiana holding session in the Parish of St. Helena & State aforesaid & now in session, John Spring, a resident of the parish of St. Helena in the State of Louisiana aged seventy 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 enlisted in the service of the State of South Carolina been engaged in the war of the Revolution in the year 1779 or 1780 as well as this deponent can recollect his memory being extremely infirm. He served in the brigade of General Henderson [William Henderson], his Colonel was William Thompson [William Thomson], his Captain was ___ Rump [probably Captain Jacob Rumph] in his Lieutenant was William Zachary, he served between 2 and 3 years or more, as well as he can recollect, he thinks he continued in the service of the State of South Carolina till the close of the war, he resided in the State of South Carolina in Orangeburg County when he entered the service. He never acted with the regular Army of the United States as he now recollects. He was never in a regular battle with the enemy but was in many skirmishes. He has no other proof of his services rendered, but the declaration of William Zachary,¹ which declaration is annexed, he not being able to appear in open Court owing to great bodily infirmity & disease.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed by the party making his Mark he not being able to write in open court this 15 day of October A.D. 1833.

S/ Woodruff, Judge

S/ John Spring, X his mark

Answers of John Spring to the Interrogatories

1st In the State of South Carolina Orangeburg County he cannot owing to the infirmity of memory recollect the year nor month.

2nd. I have no record of my age my father had it but it was destroyed

3rd. In the State of South Carolina Orangeburg County, thence he moved to Georgia in Jefferson County & from thence he removed to the Parish of St. Helena State of Louisiana 14 years since.

4th. A militia man sometimes drafted.

5th. He was under General Henderson Colonel William Thompson Captain Rump & Lieutenant William Zachary & Captain Geo. Cumming & Henry Young & one or 2 others

6. He never had a written discharge

¹ [William Zachary R11982](#)

7th. He names Jesse Crawford and Willis Watson who have testified heretofore and whose testimony is annexed but who cannot be here at this session of the Court. He further names Thomas Green Davidson – and James M. Bradford Esquires who are well known to him.

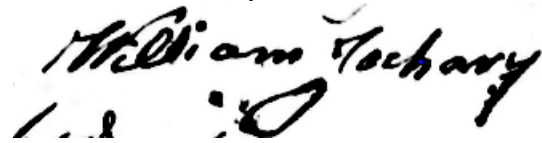
S/ John Spring, X his mark

[Thomas Green Davidson & James M Bradford gave the standard supporting affidavit. They also attested the credibility of William Zachary, Jesse Crawford and Willis Watson.]

State of Louisiana Parish of St. Helena: SS

William Zachary being sworn according to law, says that he well knows John Spring, residing in the Parrish and State aforesaid. That the said John Spring was a private soldier in the service of the State of South Carolina, during the war of the revolution, and in the same company in which affiant acted as Lieutenant. He thinks Mr. Spring served about 2 years and a half.

S/ William Zachary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Zachary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "W".

Sworn & subscribed to this 27th of October A.D. 1832

S/ Bowkin Childress, PJ

[Jesse Crawford, a clergyman, and Willis Watson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]