

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sprigg Belt S34644 ¹

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State of Maryland Anne Arundel County April 19th 1818

John Sprigg Belt of the County and State aforesaid appeared before me the Subscriber Associate Judge of the third Judicial District of Maryland and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposes, said and declared that he was appointed and commissioned as a Lieut. in the fourth Maryland Regiment on the Tenth day of December 1776, and was appointed Captain of the said Regiment on the Fifteenth day of December 1777, and served in the War of the Revolution against the Common Enemy from the time first mentioned till the conclusion of the War, the said John Sprigg Belt further deposes, said and declared as aforesaid that from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

The above Deposition sworn to before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Rich'd Ridgely

I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that John Sprigg Belt entered the Service as a Lieut. on 10th December 1776 & was appointed Captain on the 15th of December 1777 And by the Pay Roll it appears that Captain John Sprigg Belt received Arrears of Pay from the 1st August 1780 to the 15th of November 1783.

S/ R. Loockerman, Audr. Genl.

Auditors Office Annapolis 22nd April 1818

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 19, 1818, for service as a Capt. for 6 years in the Maryland Continental line.]

[Note: John Sprigg Belt is listed as having served as a Capt. in the 1st Maryland Regiment under John Eager Howard at the battle of Eutaw Springs on September 8, 1781.

See http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html]

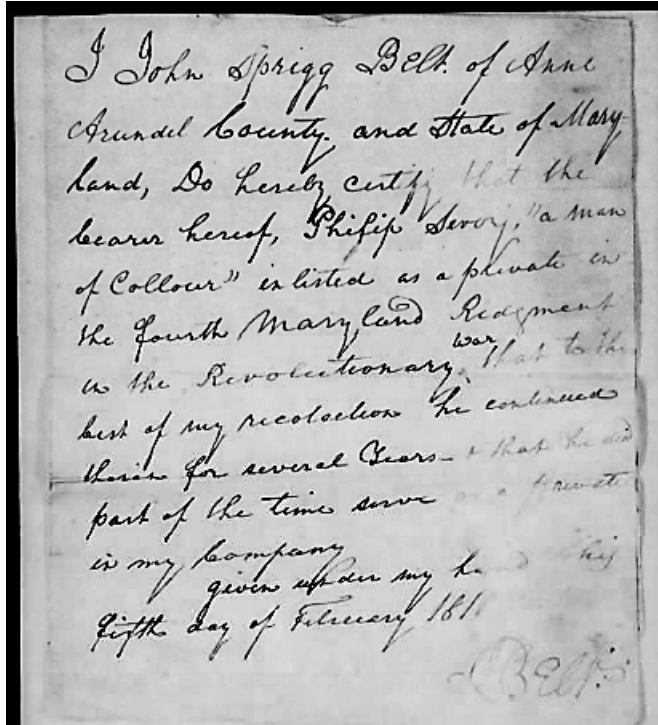
[Note: John Sprigg Belt gave testimony in support of the pension application of [Philip Savoy S35057](#) a 'man of colour' as follows:

I John Sprigg Belt of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland, do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, Philip Sevoy [sic], "a man of Collour" enlisted as a private in the 4th Maryland Regiment in the Revolutionary War, that to the best of my recollection he continued therein for

¹ BLWt232-300—Capt. Issued May 13, 1795 No papers

several Years – & that he did part of the time serve as a private in my company.
Given under my hand this 5th day of February 1818.

S/ JS Belt



I John Sprigg Belt of Anne
Arundel County and State of Mary
land, Do hereby certify that the
bearer hereof, Philip Seery, "a man
of Colour" is listed as a private in
the Fourth Maryland Regiment
in the Revolutionary War, that to the
best of my recollection he continued
therein for several Years - & that he did
part of the time serve as a private
in my company
given upon my hand this
Fifth day of February 1818

Belt