

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Speake [Speake] S37435

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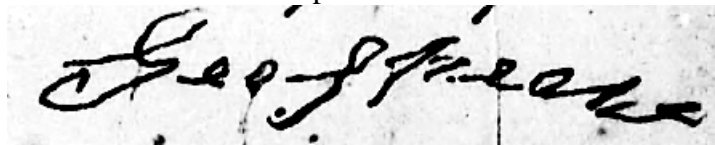
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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: I George Speake do hereby State on oath that I am at this time fifty-nine years old, that in the Spring of the year 1777 I enlisted with Captain Hall and Smallwood (Charles County Maryland) of the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson on Continental establishment for the term of three years that I was attached to the company commanded by Captain Smallwood of the 16th Virginia Regiment and continued in said Smallwood's Company for upwards of one year when I was transferred to Captain Jones Company of the said Regiment which was afterwards commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Gist & faithfully served during my said term of three years as a regular soldier of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war until I was discharged, That I was in the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and at the Siege of Charles Town when I was taken prisoner & continued a Prisoner with the British for about fifteen months and was then brought round to James Town Virginia where I was exchanged and I was discharged at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia sometime in June or July 1781 being a year after my term was out. That I sent my discharge to the board of War & have never seen it since, That I am now unable to endure hard labor and so reduced in my circumstances that I stand in need of assistance from my country for support. I hereby release all other claims I me have for a pension. Witness my hand this 3rd day of May 1819.

S/ Geo Speake



I William Basy<sup>1</sup> do hereby State on oath that I am now 58 years of age & I hereby declare I was well acquainted with George Speake & have read his affidavit I also served as a Regular Soldier in the same company & Regiment with him and know that he served as a Regular Soldier in the said 16th Regiment of regulars on the Continental line until within a few months of his 3 years time when the said Speake was ordered on to the South where he was taken prisoner.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1819

S/ Wm Basy [or Wm Basye] hi and him and him m



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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1650-100

Former Certificate No. 15431

Schedule

District of Kentucky SS Mercer County viz.

On this 9th day of August 1821 personally appeared in Open court being a court of Record for the said County made a court of Record by act of the legislature having power to fine & imprison George Speake aged sixty-three years resident in Mercer County in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: I enlisted for three years in Captain Smallwood's Company of the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Grayson of General Seitts [?] Brigade on the 13th of March in the year 1777 and was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and in the year 1779 I went to South Carolina in Captain Ball's Company under Colonel Gist of the same Regiment and was taken Prisoner at Charleston [May 12, 1780] with General Lincoln and remained a prisoner 15 months. I was then exchanged and landed at James town Virginia and honorably discharged at Williamsburg in the month of October in the year 1781 my discharge was sent to the war office to get my pay and I have never seen it since. I am crippled in my hands so as to be unable to work I have a wife old and infirm and my children have left me so that I have none under age to help me & I have been supported by Individuals for many years and therefore and absolute need of assistance from my Government for support. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule of property

1 horse & saddle	\$40
1 Card	\$00.04

S/ George Speak, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing Me 3, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]