

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Speake S38395

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The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: By the Honorable Richard Gant [Richard Gantt] Esquire one of the Associate Judges of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the State of South Carolina

Know ye that Captain Richard Speake a resident citizen of Pendleton District did this day appeared personally before me and made oath that he did in Ninety Six District in March or April 76 [1776] enlist as a regular soldier in the United States service under Captain Francis Boykin of the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina Line commanded by Colonel William Thomson [William Thomson] for the term of fifteen months and he did serve his time out. During that time he was in the Battle on Sullivan's Island and fought eleven hours at Fort Moultrie and was discharged at the Eutaw Springs in June 1777 and his discharge was taken from him by the Tories.

In testimony that the above affidavit was this day sworn to and subscribed before me I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Court to be affixed this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1818 and in the 43rd year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

S/ Richard Gantt

S/ Richd Speake



Schedule

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: On this 27th day of October 1820, personally appeared in open Court in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace Oyer and terminer Assize and General Gaol Delivery being a Court of record for the said District in the said State Richard Speake aged 65 years, resident in Pendleton District in the said State, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted in April A.D. 1776 under Captain Boikin [Boykin] of the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomson [William Thomson] but shortly afterwards commanded by Colonel James Mason of the South Carolina Line for the Term of 15 months but was continued in the Continental Service 9 months after the term of this deponent's enlistment expired. Was in the Battles at Sullivan's Island, Cowpens, and at the Siege of Ninety Six and several others: was honorably discharged but has since lost his discharge. An original declaration was made on the 27th day of October 1818 and has received a Pension Certificate dated 26 day of November 1819 Number 16, 029. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on

the 18th 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 18th 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. That is to say, 2 ploughs, and their gear, one handsaw, 2 iron wedges, 2 Maul rings, That there is a settlement between myself and Joseph Grisham not much difference in our accounts I may owe him or him owe me a trifle not exceeding \$10 on either side and that I have no other debts due me which I ever expect to collect. My wife Margaret age 55 not healthy Daughter Ann Speake aged 25 years, son Richard Speake aged 17 years, Grand Daughter Margaret Speake aged 5 years – five is the whole number of his family.

S/ Rich'd Speake¹

Sworn to and declared on the 27th day of October 1820 Before

S/ Abm Nott [Abraham Nott], Presiding Judge

I have no personal knowledge of the service rendered by the Applicant. I am acquainted with Colonel Thomas Farrar and think his affidavit entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Richard Gantt

The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: Before me personally came Colonel Thomas Farrar² a respectable resident Citizen of the District aforesaid and made oath That he is intimately acquainted with Captain Richard Speake a respectable, resident citizen of the same District. This deponent in the year 1777 did do a Tour of duty with the said Richard Speake & this deponent does know that the said Richard Speake dead belonged to the 3rd Regiment of the South Carolina Line commanded by Colonel William Thompson. This deponent belonged to the first Independent Company of South Carolina State Troops. This deponent does verily believe that said Richard Speake did serve the term of his Enlistment & got a discharge – and that he is a very poor man & needs the assistance of his Country for support & that the affidavit of Captain Speake is worthy of credit & belief.

S/ Richard Gantt, 27th of October 1818

S/ Thomas Farrar



The State of South Carolina Pendleton District: Before me personally came Richard Speake the person named within and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, That he actually is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

And that he intended and could have conscientiously have in the original Application has sworn to & proven the same but was omitted through the mistake of the clerk.

Sworn to & subscribed this 28th day of October 1819 Before me

S/ John S Richardson, Associate Judge

S/ Richd Speake

¹ I do not believe this is the actual signature of the applicant since the handwriting is identical to the balance of the document.

² [Thomas Farrar R3449](#)

[facts in file: veteran moved to Henry County Georgia sometime prior to April 15, 1828 and filed a petition for the transfer of his pension benefit to the agency of that state.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 27, 1818, for one-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]