

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Spears S39085

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County: August Sessions 1818 Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

Personally appeared in Open Court the 25 day of August 1818 Samuel Spears aged about fifty Seven Years, a Citizen of said County & State & being sworn in due form of law deposeseth & saith: that he Enlisted in the County of Halifax [sic, Halifax], North Carolina sometime in the month of May in the Year 1778 as near as this Deponent now recollects under Col. Hogans [sic, probably a reference to Col. James Hogun] of the 3rd North Carolina Regiment Infantry that his Captain's name under whom he served was ___ [blotted out first name] Bradley [George Bradley, a/k/a Gee Bradley], the Major's name, Hogg [Thomas Hogg]- that the period for which he Enlisted was nine months—that this Deponent under the command of said Col. Hogans was marched to Philadelphia agreeable to an order from General Washington to said Col. Hogans; that from thence said Regiment was marched to West Point where this Deponent together with the others of said Regiment was Employed building a Fort & other necessary things about it place the Regiment continued about four months. At the Expiration of which time, it was marched back to Philadelphia to go into Winter Quarters. That in the Ensuing Spring this Deponent under the command of said Captain Bradley went on board a vessel at Philadelphia & sailed to Suffolk in Virginia, from thence they were marched under said Captain Bradley to Halifax County aforesaid where this Deponent with others was discharged after having served faithfully & honorably twelve months & five days, three months, 5 days over his time, that in the town of Halifax this Deponent received an honorable discharge from Capt. Mayben [Robert Mebane] that it was in the month of May 1779. But this Deponent states that he has lost said discharge & it is out of his possession & does not know in what manner it was lost. He further states that he is very poor & indigent circumstances & is frail unable to Support himself & stands in need of the benevolent support of his Country for Support & that he has never been pensioned by his Country.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court this 25th August 1818.

S/ Samuel Spears, X-his mark

S/ W.B. Mitchell, Clerk

On the same day above mentioned appeared in open Court Christopher Haynes¹ a Citizen of said County of Hawkins who being duly Sworn according to law deposeseth & saith that he has known the above named claimant, or applicant for pension, Samuel Spears, ever since he was a boy, that he lived in Halifax County aforesaid at the time said Samuel Enlisted for nine months

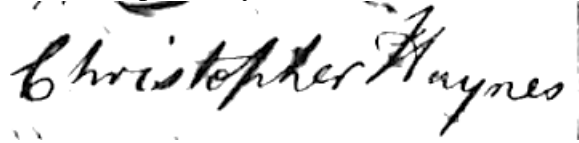
1 [Christopher Haynes W4227](#)

in the service of the Country which he served faithfully & he believes that he is a man of good character, is in poor circumstances, & Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 25 August 1818.
W.B. Mitchell, Clerk

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S/ Christopher Haynes



State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

On the 1st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Hawkins aforesaid Samuel Spears aged about 59 Years, Resident in Hawkins County being duly sworn according to Law Deposeth & Saith & maketh the following Declaration in order to attain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Samuel Spears Enlisted for the Term of nine months sometime in the month of May 1778 as near as the Declarant's memory serves him in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by G. Bradley in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hogans Viz the 3rd in the North Carolina line on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to Serve in said Corps until until about the 25th of May 1779 when he was discharged honorably from said service in the town of Halifax, North Carolina, but that said discharge is lost & that he has no other Evidence now in his possession of this said service except the affidavit of William Goings² a pensioner of the United States & who served with him.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 & that I have not since time by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to being myself within the provision of an "Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the Land & 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 pension 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 & by me subscribed viz:

2 small horses one a mare about 6 Years old	
the others a Colts 12 months last May	\$70
one Cow & Calf 3 Steers & one heifer	32
about twenty head of Hogs	30
1 pot kettle & oven, 3 chairs, old set knives & forks	5
13 3/4 acres of third Rate Land	26
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	\$165.00

That my occupation is that of a farmer but owing to weakness & frailty am unable to work much. That my wife is about thirty eight Years old, a daughter 8 or 9 Years old, one other daughter about 7 Years, a son about 5 Years, one daughter about 3 Years old the Youngest about 9 or ten months old.

S/ Samuel Spears, X-his mark

2 [William Goings \(Going\) W930](#)

On the same day personally appeared in open Court William Goings who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that his is at this time a Pensioner & is the same person who made out his amended Declaration with the schedule annexed the other day. That he is well acquainted with the above name Samuel Spears applicant for a Pension. That this Deponent served with said Spears in Pennsylvania & other places on the Continental Establishment & that what the said applicant has stated in the foregoing Declaration is Strictly true furthermore this applicant is Entirely disinterested in said applicant getting a Pension. Sworn & subscribed in open Court.

S/ William Goings, X-his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 25, 1818, for service as a private 9 months in the North Carolina Continental line.]