

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Spears S39086

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State of Tennessee Lawrence County Court November Term 1818

Joseph Spears appeared in open Court and upon his application was admitted to make affidavit and that the same should be entered of record that he was a regular soldier in the revolutionary war of the United States which affidavit in words and figures [is as] following to wit –

Joseph Spears makes oath that he is now about sixty years old that he belonged to the North Carolina line of Continental soldiers that he enlisted at Salisbury in North Carolina under Captain Alexander Purvard [Alexander Brevard] for one year service that his Colonel was one Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon] and that he was under the Command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] that he served out honorably the full tower [tour] he further states that he was in the battle of Utow Springs [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] which circumstance this affiant must refer to as fixing the year that he served in as the [the balance of this application is missing and appears to have been torn off at this point.]

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State of Tennessee, Lawrence County Court Jany [January] Term 1822

Of this 7th day of January 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record holden for the County of Lawrence Joseph Spears aged about 58 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the provision of an act of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and an act of the first of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Spears enlisted for the Term of one year for the Campaign 1781 in the Spring in March or April the year of our Lord 1781 in the State of North Carolina at Salisbury Frohock's Mill in Alexander Brevard's [company], which Company Commanded by the said Brevard was of Regiment commanded by Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon] in the line of the State of North Carolina of the Continental establishment commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] that he served out the time and was Discharged at Charles Town North Carolina [sic] but has lost his Discharge and that he was in the battle of Eutaw Springs and that he has no other evidence but his own oath of his services that he is a Farmer by Occupation my Family consists of myself aged as aforesaid my wife and three Children my wife aged about 58 able to support herself and my Daughter Cynthia 30 able to support herself, Seibly aged 20 years able to support herself, John 15 years able to support himself I am unable to work some but am Infirm and made application for a pension in 1818 but failed and in pursuance of an act the first of May 1820 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 other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof 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 80 Services of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818 that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or security, contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed --

S/ Joseph Spears, X his mark

Schedule

2 mares and 2 Colts small 24 hogs all small but 6 Killing hogs 8 head of cattle 3 cows and calves and 2 heifers 1 pot and 1 Oven.

S/ Joseph Spears, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this day and date above.

S/ W. H. Buchanan, Clk

[The file contains an application dated November, 1822 in which Joseph Spears makes the same statements as to his services and the officers under whom he served. This application was also filed in Lawrence County, Tenn.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 3, 1818, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]