

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Spatz (Spotz) S3957

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Pennsylvania Berks County

On this 8th day of February A.D. 1819 Before me James Diemer Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appeared Michael Spatz of the Borough of Reading County of Berks aged upwards of 53 years who being by me sworn according to law doth depose & say that he enlisted in the Borough of Reading County aforesaid in the year 1781 in a company commanded by a Capt. Joiner that he marched from said borough to the City of Pennsylvania and there was put on the ship called South Carolina that the Ship and crew were taken Prisoner by the British in sight of New York Light house that he was placed with the rest of the prisoners on board the prison ship called "*Old Jersey*" that he was kept and treated as a prisoner of war until released at the close of the war that from the time of his enlistment until released was upwards of one year that during his imprisonment he suffered very much, And that he has not received any Pension under the laws of the United States, but by his reduced circumstances stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he is in indigent Circumstances

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Jas. Diemer

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

[Henry Lotz and George Merkel¹ gave testimony that the applicant Michael Spatz was the same Michael Spatz who served upon the *South Carolina*.]

State of Pennsylvania Berks County

On this 7th day of November A.D. 1834 in open Court of Common Pleas personally appeared before the Honorable Garrick Mallery Esquire President and his associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Berks, in the State of Pennsylvania, now sitting, Michael Spatz a Resident of said County and State aforesaid aged 70 years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered in the War of the Revolution under the following named officers and served as herein stated 1778 he entered at Reading Pennsylvania on the 2nd day of October for the Wioming [Wyoming] service against the Britons & Indians in the Company of musketry commanded by Christian Madera & Ensign Hartman Leightheiser and in a Regiment commanded by Col. Valentine Eckert I continued to

¹ FPA S9407

serve at Wyoming in the same company & Regiment from the 2nd day of October AD 1778 to the 2nd day of April AD 1779 when I was then Honorably discharged for 6 months service by the hands of Capt. Christian Madera at Wyoming in Pennsylvania that Discharge has since been lost or mislaid: and that he has in his power a credible Person who can Testify to all the above mentioned services namely Jacob Graul² a Resident of Reading County and State aforesaid who entered in the same Company at Reading duly Enlisted for the Term of 6 months and entered on the same day above mentioned and was honorably discharged on the 2nd day of April 1779 for 6 months Service by the hands of Capt. Madeira aforesaid that at present I have not any other witness in my power except the present our officers are now dead Capt. Madeira died at Morgantown in the State of Virginia I was in above mentioned duly Enlisted for the term of 6 months & as such honorably discharged as aforesaid General Sullivan had cut a road over the pine mountains to get his troops to & over the mountain having heard that the Enemy lay in many places on the inroads from said road in ambush we procured a trusted person as our guide who made use of a compass & by this means we avoided said Sullivan's road & arrived safe to Wyoming although I have now a pension or annuity from the United States of \$40 under the Act of 7th of June 1842 for services rendered to the United States on board the Ship *South Carolina* I nevertheless feel myself entitled to received a Pension for a above named 6 months Land service for which I have never received any Pension for the following is the route of which we made the line of march to Wyoming from Reading to Kootstown from there to Lehigh Gap from here through the Mountains to Wyoming where we were much wanted to check the Britons & Savage Indians. I was born in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania April 4th, 1764 I have a family Record of my age when I enlisted both services Naval & Land I entered duly Enlisted in both services at Reading Pennsylvania where I have lived since the Revolutionary War and I now live in Reading aforesaid the other Troops who had been at Wyoming such as was there left there on our arrival as their time of service was expired and were generally Militia & Left Wyoming at the time of our arrival so that I could not mentioned any of them in this Declaration having not the least opportunity of becoming acquainted with the officers because they left same on the same day of our arrival at Wyoming I have no Church Record of my age I do claim a Pension for 6 months service as aforesaid for my Land Service he hereby relinquishes every Claim to a Pension except the present and that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever only on the Pennsylvania agency at Philadelphia Pennsylvania where he received an annuity of \$40 for Revolutionary Services rendered on Board Ship *South Carolina*. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court before the Judges of the said Court the day & year aforesaid

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

S/ Garrick Mallery, P. Judge
Nov. 7th 1834

State of Pennsylvania Berks County

Personally appeared before the subscriber Matthias S. Richards One of the Associate Judges of the State of Pennsylvania in and for the County of Berks Michael Spatz a resident of said County aged 89 years, who being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain an increase of pension from \$40 (his present pension) to \$60 per annum, from the United States, under the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. He declares that he served 18 months as a Marine, and was on the ship *South Carolina*; was taken prisoner and confined on a

² FPA R4204

prison ship in the North (or some) River; was subject to many hardships during his imprisonment, He further states that the service of 18 months is fully proven by the papers whereupon his first pension was granted under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 of \$96 per annum to which he refers wholly for the proof of the above 18 months service he further declares, that under the Act of the 20th May 1820 he was suspended from the pension rolls on account of his having property beyond the limits prescribed by the aforesaid Acts; and that he was not a pensioner of the United States from that time, until the passage of the Act of 7th June 1832. And that under the last mentioned Act, he made no declaration, neither did he produce any evidence of service or formally apply to the United States for a pension, under the said act of 7th of June 1832; but that the of his own will and accord brought for him the above mentioned certificate of pension for \$40 per annum, he'd the honorable Henry A. Muhlenberg having had business in the pension Office for other persons and seeing the name of Michael Spatz, procured his pension certificate for \$40 per annum Mr. Muhlenberg was then a member of Congress from this district, and was personally acquainted with Michael Spatz aforesaid, and procured the certificates as a voluntary act of kindness to said Michael Spatz, he believes that proof existed in the department at Washington of his 18 months service and prays that his pension certificate for \$60 per year may be awarded to him deducting the amount paid on the old one, commencing the 4th march 1841.

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the 22nd march 1844

S/ Matthias S. Richards

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a Marine board the *South Carolina* and as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]