

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Sprouse S3958

f15VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

4/12/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The State of Ohio Gallia County: SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for said County of Gallia aforesaid now sitting and being a Court of Record David Sprouse a resident of the County of Gallia in the State of Ohio aged seventy-two years the 11th day of April 1832 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 the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, some time in the month of August or September of 1779 as well as he can now remember he was drafted into the public service in the County of Louisa State of Virginia for twelve months and was mustered under Captain Thomas Mosley and Lieutenant Rice [this might be a mistaken reference to Lieutenant Hezekiah Price of Louisa County] his Christian name not remembered and the name of the Ensign he has forgotten he was marched from Louisa County under the command of Captain Mosley to Richmond Virginia where he joined the main Army and was transferred to the command of a regular officer Captain by the name of Philips the Lieutenant and Ensign not remembered Colonel Harrison a regular officer commanded the Regiment Majors McGill and Elieman [? Areman ?]¹ he thinks commanded the Battalion General Washington was the commander in chief, at Richmond the time he joined the Army, a short time after he joined the Army at Richmond it commenced its march for Norfolk Virginia where the Army as near as he can now remember arrived in the later part of the fall or first part of the winter and continued at Norfolk and in its vicinity for several months about the time of the into the service of the Militia they were detached from the regular service and marched to Petersburg Virginia where they were discharged by Captain Philips and he at that time received an honorable discharge for one-year service which he has lost by time and accident – Sometime in the year of 1780 and about one year after he was discharged at Petersburg he was again called out as a militia man in a division called the 10th Division as the militia of the State of Virginia at that time were classed into Divisions for military service and served under Captain Johnson the Lieutenant and Ensign are not remembered he was called out from Louisa County the company joined a detachment of the main Army but by reason of length of time he does not now remember who commanded the whole force after he joined the detachment as aforesaid the Army marched to a place called Hillsboro where the Army had a small engagement with the enemy Joseph Hawkins and John Harris who belonging to the same

Elieman

company with this declarant were killed in the engagement several others unknown to him were also killed – this declarant was wounded with a musket ball below the hip [?] bone on the left side and lodged in his back and could never be extracted and for several years since the decline of life down to this period has given him much pain and uneasiness – about the time General Cornwallis entered Little York he was called out in a militia company commanded by Captain Thomas Johnson and Lieutenant Bell the Ensign not recollected joined the main Army at Little York and was engaged in besieging the British Army after some weeks was taken sick and was discharged by the Captain at or near Little York which is lost by him and The time he was laying sic of his wound he received a discharge from the service of the said six months which is lost by time and accident but was for several months after his time expired unable to labor or attend to any business – he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –

This declarant was born in the County of Louisa Virginia on the 11th of April 1760 where he lived until the fall of 1785 when he moved to Albemarle County Virginia where he resided until the fall of 1790 when he moved to Henry County Virginia where he resided until the year 1811 when he moved to Gallia County State of Ohio where he has resided ever since and still resides he has no record of his age but has always been told that his age is as he has stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ David Sprouse, X his mark

[Agrippa Wells and Samuel Peden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia service.]