

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spencer S3960

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State of North Carolina, Hyde County} SS

On this 8th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable J. J. Daniel, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity in and for the State aforesaid now sitting for the County of Hyde, William Spencer, a resident of Mattamuskeet in the County of Hyde and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine, who being first 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.

He was drafted as a militia man in the State troops of North Carolina for the space of nine months in the fall season of the year (the precise year not recollected) about nineteen months before the end of the War and entered the service soon after his draft under the command of Captain Jerry Gayland and Adjutant Caleb Mason, both of the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina, under which named officers he, together with George Williams and 14 others were marched through the counties of Beaufort, Pitt and Edgecombe, whence they continued their march to the County of Cumberland, to a place called at that time Cross Creek now known as Fayetteville, where he joined the 10th Regiment of North Carolina militia, containing about 500 men under the command of general Linontor or Lincoln (the correct name not remembered at this time), Major Dennis and Colonel Brown. Here he remained about one month, after which he was marched to a place called the "Pine Tree" near the separation line between North and South Carolina, where they were encamped a short time. Thence he was marched up the Pedee River, as a check upon the rear of the English and Tories, who were two or three days in advance of us. We continued our march, until we came in sight of the Blue Ridge mountains – here we were encamped a short time. The English and Tories marched north towards Virginia and were pursued by us to the Virginia line and on our arrival at the line, some of the officers and men refusing to cross it because the time for which they were drafted had expired, they were marched back to the town of Kingston [sic, Kinston], Lenoir County, and State of North Carolina where he received his discharge from the Regiment, which discharge he has lost. After his discharge, in company of George Williams, whose certificate is hereunto annexed and in company with 14 others whose term of service had expired at the same time with us, he returned to his home in the County of Hyde and State of North Carolina, where he now resides – has ever since resided and where he resided at the time he was drafted. He was engaged in no battle during the time of his service, and has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose evidence he can procure to substantiate his claim except that of George Williams, who was drafted and served with him, and returned with him after their discharge. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension

Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Spencer, X his mark

I George Williams¹ residing in the County of Hyde hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Spencer, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and I do personally know that the facts above stated by him in relation to his draft and his entering the service – his marching under the above named officers and his remaining in service under their command, during the time and at the places above mentioned are true. I begun [sic], continued and ended the service with him.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Williams, X his mark

The said William Spencer being personally examined to before me the said Judge on oath, deposed and said in answer to the following interrogatories; to wit:

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the County of Hyde and in the year 1753

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: No

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the County of Hyde in the State of North Carolina.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: He was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: He only recollects the names of General Lincoln, Colonel Brown, Major Dennis, Adjutant Mason and Captain Gayland. He served in the 10th Regiment of North Carolina Militia, and for the general details of the circumstances of his service, he refers to his affidavit above

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: He did receive a discharge from the service, but by whom given, or what has become of it, but does not know.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: He refers to Henry W. Gibbs, Clerk and master in Equity for a Hyde County, Riley Murray, Henry S. Spencer, High Sheriff of the County of Hyde and George Williams, a Revolutionary Soldier who served with him.

S/ William Spencer

[Henry W. Gibbs and Henry S. Spencer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]

1 [George Williams S7950](#)