

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spicer S3962

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State of North Carolina County of Wilkes: SS

On this 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilkes & State of North Carolina, now sitting, William Spicer a resident of the County of Wilkes & State of North Carolina aged seventy-eight years, 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 was born in the County of Culpepper [Culpeper] & State of Virginia on the 16th day of January 1754 where he continued to reside until he entered the service of the United States in the month of May or June 1775 or 1776 by enlistment for the term of four months in the company of Captain William Hall and rendezvoused at some point on the Shenandoah River (not now recollected) where they joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Field, thence they marched to the levels of Greenbrier River, where they were stationed a considerable time, from whence they marched against the Shawnee Indians, until they reached a point near the Great Kenhawa River [sic, Kanawha River] where they had an engagement with the Shawnees, in which Colonel John Field together with many others of the whites (among whom was a celebrated Thomas Bluford) was killed – although they succeeded in defeating the Indians and putting them to the route. After the defeat of the Indians, the troops returned to Staunton in Virginia where they were discharged having served for four months and returned to their respective homes. After remaining at home about two weeks, this deponent removed from Culpeper County Virginia to Wilkes County North Carolina where he has continued to reside ever since – After being in North Carolina about nine months, he joined Captain Benjamin Cleveland's Company of minute man and marched in the month of August to Kriders Fort [Criders or Cryders Fort] on the waters of the Catawba [River], where they remained about two weeks and thence marched to the Pleasant Gardens in Burke County where they joined General Rutherford and marched against the Cherokee Indians, to the Indian Towns of Watauga, Cowee, Oconoluftee, and some others not recollected. At one of the Indian towns, General Pickens<sup>1</sup> of South Carolina sent an express to General Rutherford requesting three hundred men to be

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<sup>1</sup> I suspect this is an erroneous reference and should be to Andrew Williamson since Williamson was the commander of the South Carolina forces which participated in a joint effort with Rutherford's forces against the Cherokees in 1776.

detached from his troops and sent to his assistance – the request was immediately complied with and the three hundred men (of whom this deponent was one) had taken up the line of march, when another express was received from General Pickens in forming that the Indians had fled, and that the troops might return – After remaining in the nation for some time and after destroying all the corn, burning all the houses, and committing such other depredations as they could upon their property, the troops returned to North Carolina and dispersed to their respective homes after receiving their discharges having been gone three months and two or three days – – After remaining at home about two or three months, this deponent was again called upon, and marched under the command of Captain Jesse Walton to the Town of Salisbury North Carolina where they were stationed for three months under the command of General Rutherford—at the expiration of which time they were discharged and returned home. After remaining at home a few days he was again called upon to march against the Scotch & Tories who at that time were committing great depredations in the Country around Cross Creek or Fayetteville. They joined the Army under General Rutherford at Shobers or Dobson's cross roads near Salem, a Moravian Town, and marched from thence to Cross Creek or Fayetteville. Before they reached Cross Creek or Fayetteville the Scotch and Tories had been suppressed and taken prisoners and brought into the town of Cross Creek or Fayetteville, where they remained under guard for some days and were then marched off under charge of a company of Light Horse to the State of Virginia. After the prisoners were sent off, this deponent with the other troops under General Rutherford was discharged and returned home, having been gone at least two months. – This deponent had not been long at home before he was again called upon to go against the Tories, who at that time were very troublesome in the Western sections of North & South Carolina, and marched to the forks of the Yadkin [River] under Captain Cleveland, when they were gone two weeks – soon after this he was stationed a month at Surry old Court House, and a little more than a month at Hamblin's old Store, and three months over the mountains on the waters of New River – all these last mentioned tours were against the Tories and were not performed under the command of regular officers attached to the Army, but under the command of those who were willing to go upon such expeditions whenever the circumstances or exigencies of the Country required it.

This deponent further states that he had a discharge for one of the tours which he served, but that he got it burnt. He further states that he has no documentary evidence; & that he refers to Joel Stamper<sup>2</sup> & Joseph Pruit,<sup>3</sup> who served most of the tours with him as witnesses who can testify to his services. He refers to Captain John Holloway & John Gambill Esquire as persons of respectability with whom he is well acquainted, and who can testify their belief of his services which he has performed and for which no testimony he can be procured. – And also to his character for truth and veracity – He further states that he has not nor never had any particular record of his age, but that his statement on that subject is made from memory.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ R. Martin, Clk

S/ William Spicer, X his mark

This deponent, states upon further reflection, and conversation with some of his old Associates, that the expedition against the Indians under General Rutherford was performed after his return from Fayetteville in the expedition against the Tories.

S/ Wm Spicer, X his mark

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<sup>2</sup> [Joel Stamper S3999](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Joseph Pruit \(Pruett, Prewitt\) R8506](#)

This deponent further states by way of amendment and explanation to the foregoing declaration that it is not within his power conveniently to obtain the certificate of a clergyman there being none residing in his neighborhood, & he being too old and infirm to undertake to procure one of his acquaintance from any great distance.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Spicer, X his mark

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On the day and year aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, Joseph Pruit, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that, he served with William Spicer who has made the foregoing declaration, in the several tours set forth in the said declaration, as having been performed first under General Rutherford against the Cherokee Indians for three months – Secondly at Hamlins old store for about one month or upwards, and thirdly for about three months over the Blue Ridge on the waters of New River – the two last tours being performed against the Tories – and that the said services set forth in the foregoing declaration of the said William Spicer as having been performed by him (which come within the knowledge of this deponent, were performed by the said William Spicer.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Pruit, X his mark

On the day and year aforesaid, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County & State aforesaid, now sitting, Joel Stamper, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he served with William Spicer the foregoing applicant, during the following tours set forth & specified in the declaration of the said William Spicer to wit the 3 months tour to Salisbury, where they were stationed under General Rutherford – the tour to Cross Creek or Fayetteville under Captain Walton for about 2 months, and the tour under Captain Cleveland to the forks of the Yadkin against the Tories for about 2 weeks – and further that, the said services set forth and specified as aforesaid by the said William Spicer (which come within the knowledge of this deponent) were performed by the said William Spicer.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Stamper, X his mark

[John Holloway & John Gambill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55.45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service of 17 months 16 days as a private in the North Carolina and Virginia service.]