

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of David Spong S39848

VA

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District and State of Virginia Berkeley County

on this 28th Day of April 1819 before me Robert White presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Berkeley in the said state and District personally appeared David Spong aged 60 years Resident in Berkeley County in the said State & District, who being by me first Duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Decleration in order to obtain the Provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain persons Engaged in the Land and naval service of the united states in the Revolutionary war, That he the said David Spong enlisted in Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Bedinger [S8059] of the 5th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment Commanded by Colonel Gaskin [sic: Thomas Gaskins BLWt865-450], that he continued in the said corps, or in the service of the united states untill the Dessolution of the Revolutionary army on Continental Establishment when he was Discharged from service in Charles Town [Charleston] South Carlina and that he was at the siege of york in the taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] and at the Battle fought at the widow Gibbon's with the Indians near Savannah in the state of Georgia under General Wayne [skirmish at Sharon, 24 May 1782], and that he is in Reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services Excepting the Certificate of Henry Bedinger hereto annexed

I do Certify that David Spong inlisted with me early in the year 1781 as a soldier for and during the war then existing Between the United States & Great Britain, that he served as such untill the dissolution of the revolutionary Army in the Virginia line on continental establishment, & that he was honorably discharged at that period, that he was at the time of his enlistment an inhabitant & Citizen of Virginia, & Continues to reside in this County – Given under my hand this 2^d day of October 1818
(Berkeley County Virginia) Henry Bedinger late Capt. 5th Virginia Reg't Revolutionary Army

Virginia to wit

At a court held for Berkely County the 10th day of July 1820

On this 10th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record, David Spong aged about sixty seven years, resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War, as follows, to wit, as a private Soldier in Captain Scotts [Joseph Scott VAS2112] Company in the 5th Reg't of the Virginia Line commanded by Col. Gaskins that he made his original Declaration on the 26th day of April 1819, and obtained a pension certificate numbered 12.548 and the said Spong doth moreover solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

The said Spong further declares that he is a carpenter, but has not bodily strength to pursue his trade being much crippled by many casulties which have occured in the course of his life His family consist of his wife, wifes mother (Caty Kyser by name) on daughter aged 14 years and himself, his wife is about 50 years of age and his wifes mother about 80 years of age. Caty Keyser is very infirm subject to fits and utterly unable to do any thing towards procuring herself a maintainance his wife and dughter are not able

to do much of any thing more than the necessary work of the family – with the horses before [sic] mentioned the declarant cultivates a small piece of rented land: the land is poor and contributes very little to his support In short the declarant states that he is unable to support himself without aid from the public or individuals — Sworn to and declared to be true on the 10th day of July 1820 before the court aforesaid—

Schedule

one mare 17 or 18 years old
one horse diseased and of no value
two Hogs
the Iron of an old wagon
six sheep
two chairs and a table
a kettle, oven, and pot

David hisXmark Spang

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Spang, David.]

I do Certify that David Spang inlisted as a Soldier on the 7th day of Feb’y 1781 for the War as a Substitute from the County of Berkeley & was Delivered to me at the Rendezvous of Winchester on the 17th March ensuing that he served faithfully untill the Southern Army was Disbanded by Furlough by order of the Honble Gen’l [Nathanael] Greene. Given under my hand this 7th Day of Apl 1785

Copy J W Cutman, C.A.
Ap’l 30th 1785

Henry Bedinger
late Capt 5 Virg’a R’t

I do Certify that David Spang Inlisted as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line about the 7th Day of February 1781 for the war and that he faithfully served untill the Army was Disbanded by Order of the Honorable General Greene. Given under my hand this 22^d Day of July 1785

Henry Bedinger late
Capt 5th Virg’a Reg’t

Sir) Please Deliver the Certificate for my land warrant to Col David Shepherd and Oblige your &c
Col Thomas Meriwether
Richmond July 22^d 1785
Witness/ Henry Bedinger

David hisOmark Spang

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: David Spang/ age 18/ height 5’ 4”/ light-brown hair/ black eyes/ fresh complexion/ “well set”/ planter/ born in Maryland/ residing in Berkeley County where he enlisted on 4 Mar 1781 for the duration of the war. Sized 4 May 1781.