

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Springum [Springer] S39850

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State of Virginia County of [illegible, possibly Brooke<sup>1</sup>]: St.

John Springer of the said County & State, laborer, upon oath makes the following declaration before the Court of said County (being a Court of Record) at April Term 1818

That some time in the year 1778 said declarant enlisted for the term of one year in the service of the United States by order sent from the United States to the County of Ohio to furnish a certain number of men. That said Declarant served as aforesaid in the Revolutionary War, for the term of one year under the commands of Captain Thomas Farrell and Captain Uriah Springer of the United States Infantry in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson on the Continental establishment.

The said Declarant when discharged received a written certificate of his said discharge and that on settlement of said declarant's claim against the State of Virginia, said declarant deposited his said discharge in the archives of the said State of Virginia.

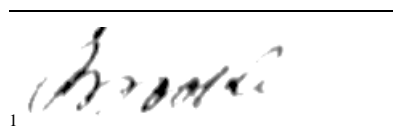
That the declarant is sixty-seven years of age, infirm, and from his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his country for support, and that he hereby relinquishes his claim to every pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States.

S/ John Spingum, X his mark

I Benjamin Biggs<sup>2</sup> of Ohio County and State of Virginia due on oath testify that in the year 1776 I joined the Continental service as a Lieutenant and was promoted to and served as a Captain until the end of the war, and to my knowledge John Springum who has made the aforesaid declaration served as a private soldier in the Continental service for the term of one year, a part of the time under Captain Thomas Fennil and the remainder of the time under Captain Uriah Springum<sup>3</sup> as he has declared.

S/ Benj<sup>n</sup>. Biggs  
Late Capt. 7 Virg Regt.

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<sup>2</sup> [Benjamin Biggs W1366](#)

<sup>3</sup> Sic, probably a reference to [Uriah Springer R10017](#)

*Benjamin Biggs  
Late Capt. U.S. Army  
M.S.T.*

State of Ohio Morgan County: SS: Court of Common Pleas October Term 1820

On this first day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County having authority to fine and imprison, John Springum, a resident of said County, aged about sixty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he enlisted in Captain Thomas Ferrill's Company in Colonel Campbell's Regiment in the Virginia line for one-year which he served out in the said Regiment, that the original declaration was made on the 27th of April 1818 that his pension certificate is numbered 6217 by which he was placed on the pension roll of Virginia, and has since been transferred to the role of the Ohio.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income nor any property other than one suit of wearing apparel that my occupation is that of a farmer that I am unable to labor so as to procure a subsistence, on account of my age and infirmity and an injury I received in my right shoulder by a fall I received about a year since, and I have no family living with me.

Sworn to and subscribed the 1st day of November 1820 in open Court

S/ John Springum, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 10, 1834; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 27, 1818, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]