

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spears S39851

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Original Claim

under the Pension Law passed 18th of March 1818

Georgia Newton County: On this thirtieth day of September 1829 personally appeared in open Court, it being a court of record and one of the Superior Courts of this State for the "Flint [?] Circuit" John Spears, a resident of said County, aged seventy-two years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820; that he the said John Spear, enlisted during the war on the 20th day of October in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Gunn, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington, in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment: and that he continued to serve in the said Corps until October 1781 when he was discharged from Service, in said Regiment in the State of Virginia, a consequence of a Wound: that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State, except Virginia; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, were his ignorance of the provisions made by Congress by the Acts of 1818 & 1820, and that he has heretofore made application and that the same has been returned for the informality.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: That since the 18th of March 1818, there has no change been made by me in any way in my property.

S/ John Spears



Sworn to & declared on the 30th of September 1829.

S/ Christopher Bryan strong, Judge Supr. Courts Flint Dist. Georgia

Schedule

Value

One Bed & some little Household furniture	\$25.00
Four head of cattle	20.00
Nine head of Hoggs	9.00
1 Mare	<u>40.00</u>
	\$94.00

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing December 14, 1829, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years.]