

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Sparr (Spar) S40483

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State of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny: SS

The Declaration under Oath of Richard Spar an applicant for a pension or annuity in virtue of the Act entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"

Respectfully sheweth:

That he is a Citizen of the United States and now resides in the City of Pittsburgh.

That in January A.D. 1776 he enlisted at the forks of Cheat River in the State of Virginia in the Continental service under Captain James Neal of the 13th Regiment Virginia line.

That he was afterwards marched to Philadelphia, and was engaged in the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Brandywine [September 11, 1777].

After the Battle of Germantown he was transferred to the 9th Regiment under Colonel Campbell and ordered to Pittsburgh where Captain Uriah Springer took command of the Company.

He was afterwards transferred to the 7th Regiment and continued in service until peace when he was honorably discharged by a written discharge which he received from Captain Springer, but having lost the same he is now unable to offer any other testimony of the same than the annexed affidavit.

Allegheny County SS

Before me personally came the said Richard Spar who being duly sworn saith that that the facts as stated in the foregoing deposition are true to the best of his remembrance, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for his Support.

Sworn & subscribed the 12th day of May A.D. 1818

S/ Richard Spar, X his mark

United States of America

West in District of Pennsylvania: SS

On this the thirtieth [could be thirteenth] day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said district, Richard Sparr aged 63 years resident in Allegheny County, 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 at the forks of Cheat [River] in Virginia for and during the war on the 1st day of January 1776, in Captain Neal's company, in the 13th Virginia Regiment in the Virginia line the Regiment at that time commanded by Major Sims, he served during the war in one continued service on the Continental establishment and against the common enemy, that he was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh in the year 1783 which

discharge has been lost, That during the war aforesaid he was at the battles of Germantown & Brandywine, and 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

Schedule

Deponent has no property whatever –

That he receives a pension by virtue of a certificate dated the 20th day of March 1818 and No. 7952 that he has no family residing with him, his former occupation was a weaver but from old age and bodily infirmities is totally unable to pursue it, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country.

Sworn and declared on the 30th day of August 1820 before the Judge of the said court.

S/ Nathan N. Walker

S/ Richard Sparr, X his mark

[f p. 29: On October 19, 1833 in Hamilton County of Ohio, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension from the Pennsylvania agency to the Ohio agency stating that he moved in order to reside with his friends and better his situation.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month beginning May 12th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 7 years.]