

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Spencer S40487

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[Note: The handwriting of the scribes of the following documents is almost illegible. Rather than use question marks to note guesses on my part, I have made as much of an attempt to decipher the same as I could and inserted bracketed 'indecipherable' notes when I wasn't willing to even venture a guess as to what the wording might have been. Use with extreme caution.]

State of Ohio Sct.

Be it remembered that on the 27th day of July A.D. 1818 of the Independence of the United States the 43rd and of our State the 16th Personally appeared before me the subscriber president of the Court of Common Pleas of the Second Circuit William Spencer, Clinton County, State of Ohio who after being duly sworn according to law on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he is about seventy-five years of age – that he enlisted in Hampshire County Virginia and marched to Bedford Pennsylvania under Captain Barret [?] Major Fields and Colonel Crawford [William Crawford] and from there to [indecipherable word or words] Valley where we had an engagement for two days with the Indians from thence to Pittsburgh, and returned to the garrison by transport of provisions, and from there to Bedford and Fort Cumberland and in the next year, back to the Shawnee Towns, on Sandusky River, and there in engagement [indecipherable word or words] with them and there concluded a treaty with them and after that immediately returned back to Fort Pitt and there gave up the [indecipherable word] who were claimed by his father's brothers uncles &c and stayed there a 3rd [indecipherable word] and again marched to Fort Cumberland & there discharged and in the revolutionary war he enlisted in fall [balance of line indecipherable] company Captain Hugh Stinson Regiment commanded by Colonel Crawford [several indecipherable words] against the Indians of the waters [of] on Muskingum River and was in the engagement in Sandusky when Crawford was taken and destroyed [also known as the Battle of Sandusky, June 4-6, 1782] by the savages and then returned to fort Cumberland again, then went out under Wayne & Wilkinson down the River Ohio to Miami River and was out with army as far north as Greenville, and served two years in that quarter and then he was discharged, which is [indecipherable word] and worn out and lost, my time, and that he has no evidence of his services in his power and that [indecipherable word] he is reduced circumstances peace needs the assistance of the Country for support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year [indecipherable word or words]

S/ John Thompson

S/ William Spencer, T his mark

State of Ohio Seventh circuit

Personally appeared before the undersigned President of the Court of Common Pleas for the Seventh Circuit on this 10th day of September 1819 John Spencer of full age, who being

sworn deposed and saith that William Spencer his father now present, who made the affidavit to obtain a pension before the Honorable Judge Thompson President of the 2nd Circuit in Ohio dated 27th of July 1818 a considerable time before the Battle of Brandywine but how long or at what particular time, this deponent does not recollect, the said William went into the Army as a soldier at the time this deponent expected he would be taken to the main Army of the Revolution, but he was sent up the Ohio to a Fort near Pittsburgh the said William with his family, then resided on the Ohio seven miles above Wheeling this deponent was then about 9 years old – the said William continued in the service as a soldier from that time for more than nine months, this deponent thinks for more than one year, without being at home, he understood he was in the Fort now Pittsburgh at [indecipherable word or words]¹ when he returned he was dressed in the United States uniform and at McIntosh whether he enlisted [enlisted] or drafted, or whether he served in the militia or the line of his own knowledge this deponent does not know. He was with Colonel Crawford when he was defeated the said William was in the Fort at Wheeling some months he continued in the service during the war with the Indians as a soldier, except that he was now and then at home, as he passed, for a week or a few days or hours as though on furlough – he served with Wayne in his Campaign. The said William had certificates of service performed, and discharges from the service and certificates of a Captain or Colonel Barrett showing that a wound which the said William received in a battle with the Indians at Brush River in Pennsylvania [?]² near Pittsburgh – say 60 miles – where he [one or more indecipherable words] a wound through the upper part of the breast or shoulder was received, he having ever since had but a partial use of his right arm these certificates were forwarded by this deponent to the Honorable John Williams member of Congress he returned them – when he [indecipherable word] his [indecipherable word]. They were then put into the hand of the Honorable J. Morrow Senator in Congress before the present law was passed he returned them, they never [several indecipherable words] were lost. – This deponent does not recollect particularly the contents of these certificates.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year 1st above mentioned in said 7th circuit –
 S/ Joshua Collitt S/ John Spencer

Amended declaration
 State of Ohio 7th Circuit SS

On this 20th day of October 1819 before me the subscriber President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the said Circuit personally appeared William Spencer aged 70 years, resident in said Circuit who being by me sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late law of Congress entitled

Temporary
¹ *the effect of the law*
² *received in a battle* *near Pittsburgh*

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 William enlisted for the term of three years on the ___ in the year 1776 in Hampshire County, Virginia in the company then of Captain Hugh Stinson that soon after he was put into the Regiment commanded by Colonel Crawford he served in this Regiment of Crawford – against the Indians on the waters of the Ohio [River], sometimes with one Captain, sometimes with another, until Crawford was taken and killed at Sandusky – and after continued in the Army until he was discharged after the war had ceased in Kentucky – the said William was a soldier as [?] & fought the Indians at Crawford's defeat [also called the Battle of Sandusky, June 4-6, 1782] at the mouth of Grace Creek on the Ohio and again about 20 miles above the mouth of Buffalo Creek – again at Brush River in Pennsylvania. – The said William was some time placed in the garrison below Pittsburgh at mouth of Beaver [?] near a year, some time at Wheeling – and upon Tuscaraway [Tuscarawas River] at Fort Lewis. That he has no evidence of his service in his power. He is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Joshua Collett, Presid. C.C. S/ William Spencer, X his mark
 7 C. O.

The State of Ohio Clinton County Court of Common Pleas Seventh Circuit – Of the Term of September in the year 1820

On this 22nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid expressly constituted such by the laws and ordinances of the State of Ohio and having power to fine and imprison with Jurisdiction Unlimited in point of amount William Spencer aged about 90 years who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his Solemn Oath say that the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said William Spencer sometime about the revolutionary War enlisted for the Term of 3 years at West Liberty in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Hugh Stinson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Crawford in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment and that he continued to serve in that Company until the expiration of his term of service when he was discharged from said service at Newport in the State of Kentucky which discharge was in writing signed by Captain Hugh Stinson aforesaid but is now lost and gone from the possession of this deponent. That he was in several small battles but none of celebrity and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, he solemnly swears 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 whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me 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

Schedule of Property

1 Mare supposed to be worth	\$30.00
2 cows of the value of \$10 each	20.00
2 Potts supposed to be worth \$1 each	2.00
5 hogs of the value of \$1 each	5.00

6 plates and one dish worth

0.50
\$57.50

I am by occupation a laborer but through age and infirmity I am unable to support myself. I have no family living with me except myself and wife.

S/ William Spencer, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 11, 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 27, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]