

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Beverley (Beverly) Spencer S40491

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Beverly Spencer aged about seventy years deposeseth and saith, that sometime in the year of our Lord 1775, he enlisted for one year into a company of foot belonging to the first Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops. The number of the Company aforesaid this deponent has forgotten, but said Company was commanded by Captain Markham [perhaps Captain John Markham] and said Regiment by Colonel Patrick Henry, at the time of this deponent's enlistment – This deponent served in said Company on the Continental establishment during the full term of the year aforesaid – This deponent then enlisted as a Marine on board of a brig of war then in the naval service of the United States, commanded by a [indecipherable word]¹ called Captain Mouter or Mooder – this deponent served on board said brig as he believes nearly one year, till the aforesaid Captain was cashiered he [was] broken for cowardice – This deponent then enlisted into a company of Artillery commanded by Captain James Pendleton, during the war – Said Company was attached to the 1st Regiment of Artillery in the Virginia line of Continental troops. The aforesaid Regiment of Artillery at the time of this deponent's enlistment aforesaid was commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison – This deponent served as a private soldier in the Company last aforesaid, after his enlistment therein during the war – This deponent was engaged at the battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], White Plains [October 28, 1776], Monmouth [October 4, 1777] and several others, and at the taking of Cornwallis at little York [October 19, 1781] – This deponent received several wounds while in the Continental service during the Revolutionary war – he was shot with a musket ball through the thigh at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & was wounded in the shoulder at the battle of Monmouth with a cannon ball and was also pierced in the right side with a bayonet at the Battle of Brandywine, but has never been allowed any pension from the United States. This deponent was finally discharged from the Continental service at little York, after the close of the war aforesaid, but said discharge has been lost by this deponent – This deponent was born in the County of Kent [?]² in the State of Virginia and has been a Citizen of the United States ever since the Revolution and is now a resident Citizen of Champaign County in the State of Ohio – this deponent is now in reduced and indigent Circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support – This deponent knows of no further evidence than that which accompanies this deposition to prove his services as a Continental soldier of the Revolution.

1 *Scotchman*

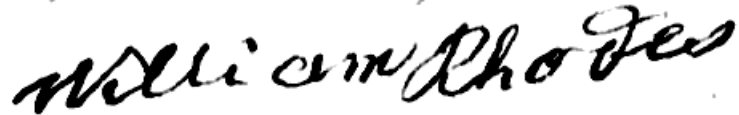
2 *Kent*
[New Kent?]

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th of April 1818

S/ Beverly Spencer, X his mark

William Rhodes³ of lawful age deposeth and saith that he first knew Beverly Spencer in the year of our Lord 1775 – that said Spencer was then a private soldier in the first Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops, but to what Company said Beverly belonged this deponent does not recollect – This deponent knew said Beverly as a private soldier in said Regiment, about one year. This deponent also recollects to have seen said Beverly doing duty in Colonel Harrison's Regiment of Artillery at the taking of Cornwallis – and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ William Rhodes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Rhodes". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 18, 1818, for service as a private for 5 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) has posted on its own line digital collection the following document relating to this veteran:

[I] Do Certify that Beverly Spencer served 3 years as a Mattross[matross] in Colonel Harrisons Regiment of Artillery which term that he enlisted for & had received his discharge at Morristown in January 80 New Jersey but informs me that he has had the misfortune of losing it. Given under my hand this 12th December 1788

S/ J. Pendleton, Capt. Artillery

[a copy]

I assign all my Rite [right] and title of the Land due me for my Services to Mr. John Depriest for Value Received.

Test John Stroben
December 16th 1783

S/ Bevely Spencer, X his mark

³ FPA S1324