

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Speake S40492

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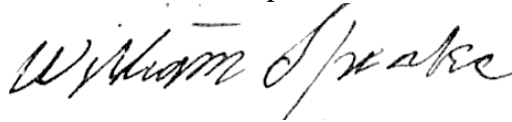
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Muskingum County State of Ohio: Sct. Be it known, that before me in the State and County aforesaid personally appeared William Speake & made oath, that he is a resident citizen of this State & that he served as a private soldier in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, that he enlisted in the service thereof on the 10th of July 1777 for three years in Captain Smallwood's [Hebard or Headerd Smallwood's] Company, 16th additional Regiment of Virginia, in the Virginia Line, commanded by Colonel William Grayson on Continental establishment; – that after serving out the service thereof the full term of three years as aforesaid he was discharged at Williamsburg in Virginia by a written discharge signed by Major Stephenson of the United States Army, which is long ago been lost – that he has no other evidence to offer to substantiate his claim to a pension under the late law of Congress; and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of the assistance of his country for support – being now in his 62nd year of his age.

Sworn & subscribed to this 27 May 1818 before me.

S/ David Findley, Associate Judge

S/ William Speake



State of Ohio, Coshocton County SS – Court of common pleas of October Term 1821 –

On this 30th day of October A.D. 1821, personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record for said State William Speake aged sixty-seven years resident in Coshocton County in said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment, as follows:

In the 16th Additional Regiment, commanded by Colonel William Grayson, Captain Smallwood's Company Virginia line. The date of my Original application is 27 May 1818, and the Number of my pension Certificate is ___

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 – My Occupation is farming not able to pursue it more than one 3rd of my time – The number of my family residing with me is __ Their names are as follows: Sarah (wife) and Aaron, Sarah afflicted with the Consumption – Their ages as follows: Sarah 52 – Aaron 18 years – That capacity to contribute to my Support but very small, principally dependent for Support of my relations, Sworn and Subscribed –

Schedule of property – A real and personal

	Doll.	Cents
Two Cows	18	--
Two Calves	5	50
Two ploughs	7	--
three hoes	2	12 ½
two bridles & two collars	3	--
two kettles	4	
1 Loom	5	
6 Chairs	5	
2 Tables	6	
6 pewter plates & crockery Ware	3	25
2 Basons & 1 Dish	1	--
1 pot and hooks	1	25
1 Oven 1 bake Kettle, 1 shovel 1 smoothing iron	2	50
1 looking Glass 1 wheel and reel	3	75
1 Side Saddle ax and wedge	8	
2 Ewes & lambs	4	
[indecipherable] and cutting knife	2	25
	81	62 ½
One hundred and fifteen Acres Land at \$1.50	172.	50
Total	254	12 ½
Debts—due Thomas Flood on mortgage	400	--
due Arthur Reese on Note	19	--
due John Dulgarn on Note	110	--
Taxes due on land about	20	

Sworn to and subscribed on this 30th day of October 1821 in Open court
S/ William Speake, X his mark

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

Addendum to William Speake S40492

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 23 Aug 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To all whom it may concern

Being solicited by Mr. William Speake, who states that he enlisted in Colo. William Grayson's

Regiment and was afterwards transferred to the 3^d Virginia regiment, to certify relative to his having regularly and fully served as a soldier in said regiment – not having been acquainted with him during the revolutionary war, cannot positively state any thing concerning his service; but am well satisfied, from his minute and circumstantial detail of almost every important circumstance which transpired at the Siege of Charleston, that he belonged to the Virginia troops that capitulated there [12 May 1780] and that (as he states) he was discharged at James Town [“Williamsburgh” interlined] about the 1st of Aug^r 1781 and enlisted on the 10th of July 1777. I can further state it as my opinion that he is an industrious honest and upright man and is worthy the attention of every person who is disposed to [illegible] the [undeciphered word] of an old soldier. Given under my hand the 20th day Sept 18[??]

Joseph Swearingen [BLWt2065-300]
late Captain the Virginia line [see signature below]

I do hereby certify that I was in the Regim^t of Colo Grayson and was personally acquainted with above soldier Wm Speake from 1777 to 1779 when I left the Regim^t but believe that he served faithfully as is stated being myself later at Charles Town and attended the exchange above mention^d

Given under my hand this 2nd day of Nov 1812.

Fra Whiting [Francis Whiting VAS454]
some time a Lieut in Colo Graysons Reg
and after a Lieutenant in the [illegible]
Regiment L Dragoons, during the late War



Loudon [sic: Loudoun] Sct } This day Henry Oram [S38280] who was A revolutionary soldier
Feb'y 22nd 1813 } personally Appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the
peace for the county af^d in the State of Virginia and made Oath that William Speaks now of
Jefferson

County Virginia did serve during the revolution in the sixteenth additional Regiment commanded by Col.
William Grayson. Given under my hand the date above Joshua Osburn

I do hereby certify that I enlisted in the [undeciphered] of the [several undeciphered words] Col William Grayson and marched on to the Northward and joined the army at white [several undeciphered words]. the most of my service in the Northern states of Pennsylvania east & west Jerseys state of new York and connecticut & then was transferred out of the 16th regiment into the Third Virginia Regiment & was then sent on to the southward under the command of General [William] Woodford in order to reinforce General [Benjamin] Lincoln [illegible] besieged at that time by the British in Charlestown south Carolina & was taken prisoner there at the seige may the 12th 1780 I there remained a prisoner of war untill [sic] Lord Cornwallis and his army were taken at York in Virginia [undeciphered] 1781 [19 Oct 1781], and then was put exchanged[?] on board a [several undeciphered words] to the capes of Virginia and was landed a at Jamestown Virginia & from thence marched to Williamsburg and there was discharged from the service of the United States and have since lost my discharge. William hisXmark Speaks
[23 Feb 1813]

Loudoun County St.

personally appeard before us John Hillerds [John Hilliard W7748] and made oath that he was well acquainted with William Speaks whilst he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war in Colo Graysons Regiment and well knows he was enlisted for three years & served faithfully whilst he knew him which was

untill he march'd to the south & that he was in the same Reg't with him Sworn to before us this 24 day of
Feby 1813

Wm B Harrison

John McCormick

Joseph Swearingen
1813