

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Asa Spelmore (Spelman) S42022 NC
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district of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Craven County } SS September 1820.

On this 13th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, the said Court being a Court of Records proceeding according to the course of the Common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having power to fine and imprison, Asa Spelmore commonly called Asa Spelman, aged Seventy four 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 Act of Congress of 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Asa Spelman enlisted in the Company Commanded by Captain [Michael] Quinn in the Tenth North Carolina Regiment, Continental Establishment, commanded by Colonel [William Lee] Davidson. that he enlisted for nine months and served out his term, but cannot state the day of his enlistment or discharge. he was discharged at Halifax in No. Carolina. He was not in any engagement except a skirmish near West Point, and at Kings Ferry in Jersey. He has no other evidence of his service in his power than the annexed affidavit of Isaac Perkins [pension application S41953] and John Carter [R1749] And in pursuance of the act of 1st 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, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 or any property, except one canoe and paddle. declarant is by occupation a Cooper, but from age & infirmity he can work but little He has no family, & resides with his brother [possibly Aaron Spelmore S42023].

Asa hisXmark Spelmore

Isaac Perkins maketh Oath that he was a private soldier in the 2nd Regiment, North Carolina line in the Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution – that while on Service at white Plains in the State of New York, a detachment of Continental troops passed that place on duty, and among them he saw the petitioner Asa Spelman or Spelmore, whom he has been long acquainted with in No. Carolina – that said Spelmore was then serving as a Continental Soldier but deponent does not know the length of his service deponent was at the battle of Monmouth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778] and at the Siege of Charleston [late March - 12 May 1780] —

Isaac hisXmark Perkins

John Carter, a Citizen of Craven County in the state of North Carolina, maketh Oath that he enlisted in the Company Commanded by Captain Quinn in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Davidson, (the Tenth) in the North Carolina line, Continental establishment, during the War of the Revolution and served nine months, and deponent knows that Asa Spelman was a soldier in the same Company and that he said Spelman did serve the term of nine months in said Company.

John hisXmark Carter

Asa Spelmore is not mustered. I find the name of Asa Shipman a private in Capt. Quinn's Comp'y of the 10th Regt. for 9 months, enlisted 20th July 1778 which is believed to be an error, and that it should have been Asa Spelmore Given under my hand this 12th Dec'r. 1820/ W. Hill Sec'ry [of State, NC]

NOTE: The 1820 federal census for Craven County NC lists Asa Spellman as a head of household, but it fails to enumerate any males in the household. It does enumerate four females as "Free Colored Persons:"

one under 14, two 14 - 26, and one over 45. The 1830 census for the same county lists "Asa Spellman" as a "free colored person" between 55 and 100 with a "free colored" female in the same age range.