

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spoldin S6142

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State of Virginia Madison County SS

On this 26 day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the peace now sitting John Spoldin in the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged seventy-two years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Colonel James Barbour, Major William Roberts, Captain Ephraim Rucker Lieutenant Jeremiah Kirtley and Ensign Martin Knall. He entered the service in the month of August 1777. He resided then in the County of Culpeper Virginia now Madison County. He marched to Maryland from thence [to] Germantown in the State of Pennsylvania. He joined Washington's Army at a place called White Marsh where he was first put under the command of Colonel William Crawford. The applicant enlisted and served four months, he marched near to Philadelphia the British Army was in possession of the City at that time and held possession during the winter. The applicant knew in this service Generals Wayne, Woodford and Smallwood, Colonel Buford, Colonel Scott, Colonel Crawford, Captains Humphries, John Waugh, Richard Waugh & Benjamin Lillard and others not deem necessary to enumerate. The applicant was discharged in the fall of the year in the month of November 1777 in the State of Pennsylvania on the West side of Susquehanna River by Captain Ephraim Rucker, he received no written discharge and has no evidence of his service except his declaration and the affidavits of respectable persons here with forwarded. Afterwards in the year 1781 in the month of July, he thinks on the 12th day of that month, he was drafted, leaving his crop of small grain line on the ground, he marched under Captain Joseph Early to King William County Virginia, after that he was transferred to Captain Benjamin Lillard and marched from thence to the City of Williamsburg, where he remained about five weeks, he was then marched to a place called the spring near York Town Virginia; where he was discharged by his Captain having served three months in this Tour Colonel John Slaughter commanded the Regiment General Lafayette was our General. He served in the whole during the Revolutionary War seven months. The service was laborious, subjecting the applicant to great privations and sacrifices, which he has never regained and is now in poverty.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Spoldin, X his mark

This day personally appeared in open Court Cornelius Carpenter & made oath that he knew John

Spoldin as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war, he saw him in the year 1781 near York Town in the State of Virginia, and that he has no doubt that the said Spoldin served as stated in his declaration and further the affiant sayeth not.

S/ Cornelius Carpenter

State of Virginia Madison County to wit

This day personally appeared before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of Madison and State aforesaid Thomas Graves aged 70 years, and being duly sworn saith; That he has long known John Spoldin of the County and State aforesaid; that he recollects seeing the said John Spoldin march as a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and as well as this affiant recollects it was in the year 1777; and this affiant from his own knowledge and recollection has no doubt but that the said John Spoldin served as a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1832.

S/ William Early

[f p. 10: Archibald H Lamon and Lewis Bank gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

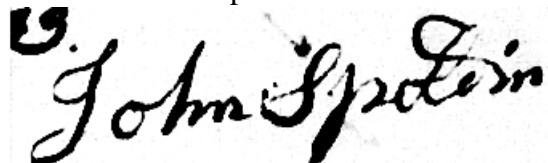
State of Virginia Madison County SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid John Spoldin who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades as a private he served in the year 1777, commencing on or near the first of August and continuing to the last day of November or the first of December making four months service in the aforesaid year, according to the best of the affiant's recollection he did not serve less than the period aforesaid.

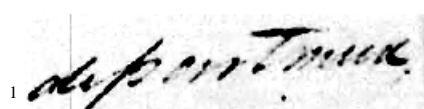
Afterwards in the month of July on the 12th day of said month in the year 1781 the affiant marched as a private to the City of Williamsburg and remained there in the Army for five weeks, he was then marched with the Army to the Eastern frontier of Virginia in the neighborhood of York Town – and the Company to which the affiant was attached was kept principally marching and countermarching and watching the movements of the enemy attending to hospital departments [?]<sup>1</sup>. In this service he was engaged seven weeks at which time he was discharged on or about the 15th of October 1781 making a period of not less than three months in this Tour. The affiant therefore claims a pension for four months service rendered in the year 1777 and for three months services rendered in the year 1781 making in the aggregate a period of service during the Revolutionary War of not less than 7 months and for which he claims a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 28th day of June 1833

S/ William Early JP

S/ John Spoldin

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Spoldin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Department". The signature is written in a cursive style.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]