

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Richard Spring (Springs) S7585

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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas and quarter sessions

Mecklenburg County } November Term 1832

On this the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty-two, personally appeared in open Court, Richard Springs a resident of the county of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, in the seventy-ninth years, who being first 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

The first Campaign in which your Declarant served - He volunteered - Moses Shelby was Captain of the Company to which he belonged - Thomas Polk was Col'n - Marched from Mecklenburg County North Carolina into the State of South Carolina This Campaign was known by the name of the Snow Campaign [8 - 30 Dec 1775] - The object of it was to disperse the Tories, that were assembled on Rayborne's Creek [probably Rabon Creek in present Laurens County SC] - In service five weeks.

The Second Campaign your Declarant acted as Lieutenant under John Springs [John Spring] Captain of a company of Cavalry - Adam Alexander was Coln. In service about five weeks - Marched from the County and State aforesaid, to the head of Catawba River in the same State - The object of the Campaign was to subdue the Cherokee Indians that were committing depredations in the country. The third Campaign - was Lieutenant in Captain Robert Maburry's Horse Company - Coln. Thomas Polk was Commandant - [Griffith] Rutherford was General - In service six weeks - Marched from the county & state aforesaid to Fayetteville - The object of the campaign was to subdue the Tories - engaged in no Battle, on account of them being defeated by General [Richard] Caswell before Rutherford's army got there.

The fourth Campaign acted as Lieutenant under the aforesaid officers - In service five week. The object of this Campaign was to prevent the British army that was lying Wilmington in their Fleet from Landing - engaged in no Battle

The fifth Campaign acted as Lieutenant under the aforesaid officers - Marched from Mecklenburg County, to Fayetteville - The object of the Campaign was to subdue the Tories - engaged in no Battle - In service six weeks - The sixth campaign marched from the county and state aforesaid to Wilmington - Acted as Lieutenant under the aforesaid officers - In service two months - The object of the Campaign was the same as that of the fourth campaign - engaged in no Battle. The seventh Campaign - Acted as Captain of a foot company - Rutherford was General of the army Marched from the County of Mecklenburg into Lincoln County in North Carolina - The object of the campaign was to subdue the Tories that were embodied at Ramsours Mills engaged in no Battle - In service four weeks - The eight Campaign. Acted as Captain of a foot company under Colonel [Martin] Armstrong in General Rutherford's Brigade - called into service By Draft - Marched from Mecklenburg County, into South Carolina - Fell in with General [Horatio] Gates army in Anson County - Marched under him on to the Gum Swamp, seven miles north of Camden - Was in the Battle that was fought between Gates Army & Lord Cornwallis [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. In service three months - has no documentary evidence of any of his services - Cannot in consequence of his great age and mental infirmity, recollect the time when he entered or left the service. Your Declarant states that he served as a private for six weeks - As Lieutenant for seven months and two weeks - Served as a Captain for four months. He refers to William J Alexander and Washington Morrison to certify to his credibility - He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension and declares that his name is not on the pension [roll] of the agency of any state.

Interrogatory. 1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you Born

Answer. I was Born in the State of Delaware, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 1754.

In. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any Record of your age: and if so where is it

Answer. I have a Record of it at home in a family Bible

In. 3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Mecklenburg County North Carolina when called into service Moved into South Carolina shortly after the close of the Revolution, lived in that State several years and then returned into the County & State aforesaid

In. 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you Drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Ans. In seven Campaigns I volunteered and was Drafted in the eight

Interogatory 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Maryan was in Gates Defeat [sic: see note below], there were several others, but I cannot recollect their names, the General circumstances of my service are as set forth in the Body of my Declaration as well as I can recollect

In. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a commission, and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it

Ans. I received an appointment by Gen Rutherford, which was signed by him, which by some means or other I have lost  
Richard hisXmark Springs Sen.

NOTE: "General Maryan" probably refers to Francis Marion, who was then a Colonel but later a General. At the Battle of Camden he had been sent by Gates to patrol along the Pee Dee River.