

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Spencer S7587

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State of North Carolina County of Wayne: Superior Court of law Fall Term 1832

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared before J. J. Daniel Judge of Superior Court for the County of Wayne Jesse Spencer of the County and State aforesaid aged 71 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 7th 1832. That in August 1780, he joined the State Troops of Virginia as Substitute for his father Edmond Spenser for a term of six months under Captain Arthur Boykin in the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Wells. His other Company officers are forgotten except William Boykin, who declarant believes was Lieutenant – declarant joined the Army in Nansemond County Virginia and was from thence marched down to a place called Jericho old fields, about four or five miles from Portsmouth Virginia which place was then occupied by the English Army. Remained encamped in Jericho old fields, about four months, sometimes sallying out to engage with the enemy in light skirmishes in two of which Declarant was engaged – Declarant was then marched up to Suffolk, and was stationed there 2 or 3 weeks – thence was marched in various directions through several small places whose names Declarant does not remember, till at last he was stationed at a place called Mackey's Mills, where he spent the remainder of his term, and was honorably discharged, in writing, but the discharge is lost. At the time he entered the service he was a resident of South Hampton County Virginia. He returned home in March 1781. In the succeeding April he was drafted into service of three months and placed in the Company of Captain Whitehead. Declarant believes the name of his Lieutenant in this Company was phone. He has forgotten the names of his other company officers. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Blount. He marched down the Chowan [River] to Doctor Wright's on said River, where he was encamped about two months – thence was conducted leisurely [?] along until he was stationed at Smithfield at which place his Term of three months expired and he was regularly discharged in July 1781. His discharge is lost –

In about a week after the expiration of his second term, he was again drafted in South Hampton County Virginia for a term of three months – under Captain Boykin, Lieutenant Boykin – Colonel Wells – He joined the Regiment at Suffolk – He was marched to James River and through various towns whose names declarant has forgotten – On James River Declarant was taken sick, and was by permission of Colonel Wells carried home by his father – having served in this last term about seven weeks. Almost immediately after this news reached declarant of the capture of Cornwallis at Little York [October 19, 1781].

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Jesse Spencer, X his mark

State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term
1833

Personally appeared in open Court Charles Wellons¹ of the County of Johnston County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he was in the service with Jesse Spencer in the terms mentioned by him in his Declaration above and knows his statement to be true –

Applicant swears that by reason of his old age & infirmities he cannot attend at Wayne Court to offer this proof in substantiation of the claim of said Jesse.

Sworn & subscribed this 27 day of August 1833

S/ Charles Wellons, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 1/2 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Charles Wellons W3903](#)