

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Springfield S7590

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North Carolina Person County: Court of Pleas in Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

This the 18th of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Person County Court now sitting Moses Springfield a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years – who being first duly sworn according to law – doth on his oath make the following declaration – That he was born in the County of Franklin and State aforesaid – that he afterwards removed to the County of Person – that he has no record of his age, but from memory he believes himself to be sixty-nine years of age. That as a soldier he entered the service of the United States under Captain Harding – that he was drafted from the militia of his County in which he lived – that under Captain Harding he was marched to Ramsey's Mills in the County of Chatham and that he was stationed at said Mills for the space of 3 months that General Butler was the first he commanded – but that this declarant doth not now remember the names of any of his company officers save that of his Captain that from Ramsey's Mills he was marched to Hillsboro in the County of Orange in which Town and the neighborhood of it he remained with his company 4 or 5 months. That he and those composing his company were often sent out into the surrounding Country to obtain supplies and to annoy the class called Tories some of whom he assisted in taking and executing in said town of Hillsboro – that he was afterwards drafted for what was commonly called by the militia "the eighteen months service" and under Captain Dickson marched down into the South Eastern part of this State and at some point on the Cape Fear [River] he was discharged – but that he received no written discharge – this declarant engaged in no battle – that he has no documentary evidence that can be useful to him in the investigation of his claim by the Department – Deponent as he is entirely upon his memory both as to the time he entered and the time he was discharged from the service he does not pretend to give dates or years – but that from his best recollection he was engaged in actual service from nine to eleven months. And the declarant hereby relinquishes every claim to a Pension except the present and declares that his name does not appear on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to in open court

S/ John Dickens, Clerk

S/ Moses Springfield, X his mark

[William McKissack & John Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Person County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1834

On the 16th day of December 1834, appeared in open Court before the presiding Justices of said Court, aforesaid (it being a Court of record) Moses Springfield a resident citizen of Person County aged seventy years, who being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That upon a recurrence to his former declaration, he has discovered that his first term of Service has been totally omitted to be stated, but that in fact he was first drafted into the Service in the Militia of his County (then Caswell) under the command of Captain Frederick Debois or Debau for the term of 3 months, and was marched from Caswell Court house to Hillsboro where he was stationed as a guard and there continued until the expiration of his term. That in the year 1781 he was again drafted and put under Captain Hardin or Harding and was again marched from Caswell Courthouse to Ramsey's Mills as stated in his former declaration and served as heretofore stated the term of 3 months under General Butler, he now remembers no it had escaped his memory when his first declaration was made that the Lieutenant of his company was Thomas Barnett.

He now states that for some error in himself or his Scribe, the Circumstances related as having occurred at Hillsboro during this tour occurred in his first tour in 1780 under Captain Debois and were unaccountably confounded in his first declaration with the events of this second tour of 3 months under Captain Hardin. He remained at Ramsey's Mills in full 3 months for which he was drafted and was there discharged. That he subsequently entered the service by draft for 18 months under Captain Dickson the date of his Service he cannot now remember though it was shortly after the termination of his second tour at Ramsey's Mills and was marched into the South eastern part of the State, but long before the termination of his term of Service he was discharged near the Cape Fear River he cannot say how long he served in the last engagement – but he is very certain that in all the various tours he served at least 9 months, that he now knows no one surviving who served with him except John Clayton<sup>1</sup> who served his two first tours in the same company, and Coleman Clayton<sup>2</sup> who served under Captain Hardin at Ramsays Mills – This declarant is frail of memory having for 13 years been afflicted with a Stroke of the palsy he is therefore unable to state the particulars with entire certainty – that he has been careful to state nothing which is not well impressed on his memory.

This amended Application has been delayed on account of the laws of the papers for more than a year.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above written.

S/ Charles Moore, Clerk

S/ Moses Springfield, X his mark

State of North Carolina Person County

Personally appeared before us William L Allen and Irby Smith Justices of the court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Person (it being a court of Record) John Clayton and Coleman Clayton, both Residence of the County of person who being first duly sworn according to law, do upon their oaths say that they were well acquainted with Moses Springfield whose original and amended declarations, in order to obtain a Pension are attached hereto, and that the said Moses, is about 69 years of age, and that they knew him in the service of his country in the Army of the revolution having served a tour of duty of 3 months with the said Springfield in the militia under

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<sup>1</sup> [John Clayton S9183](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Coleman Clayton W6692](#)

Captain Hardin, where he served as a private and Captain's cook and that he served faithfully the full period of his engagement.

Sworn to before us this 16th day of May 1833

S/ Wm L. Allin, JP

S/ Irby Smith, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]