

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Spragen (Spraggen) W1095

Elizabeth Spragen f85VA

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State of Tennessee Second Judicial Circuit: On this 1st day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the State aforesaid personally appeared Thomas Spragen aged about sixty-two years resident in Blount County in the Circuit and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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"; that he the said Thomas Spragen enlisted at Jamestown in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hutchings [Thomas Hutchins] of the sixth Regiment from Virginia commanded by Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner], by exchanging places with a man, as he thinks, by the name of Evans, he having been previously in service as a minute man under Captain Thomas Dilyard; that he continued in the service of the United States about two years the time for which he was enlisted, and until sometime in the month of March 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania; that he afterwards, in September 1781, during the time that Cornwallis was besieged in Yorktown enlisted during the war, at said Siege at York town in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Churchwell Jones of a Regiment of Cavalry commanded formerly by Colonel Washington [William Washington] and then by Colonel George Bailey [sic, George Baylor] who had formerly commanded [one or more indecipherable words]; that he continued in the service of the United States under this enlistment until the June following when he with the remainder of the Army was dismissed from service near Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and afterwards got his discharge at home in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia, both of which said discharges he has since lost; that he was in the battles at Trenton [December 26, 1776], at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at Germantown [October 4, 1777], at Red Bank [October 22, 1777], at Fort Mifflin [Siege of Fort Mifflin September 26 – November 15, 1777] and at the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services; that he never was in any way a pensioner of the United States or of any State, hereby relinquishing all right or pretension to any such claim.

S/ Thomas Spraggin, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Monroe County 7th Judicial Circuit said County of Monroe being originally a

part of Blount County: County Court December Sessions 1822

On this 7th day of November 1822 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for said County Thomas Spragen aged about sixty-six years a resident in the County of Monroe aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he the said Thomas Spragen enlisted at Jamestown in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hutchings of the 6th Regiment from Virginia commanded by Colonel Buckner by exchanging places with a man as he thinks by the name of Evans he having been previously in service as a minute man under Captain Thomas Dilyard, that he continued in the service of the United States about 2 years the time for which he was enlisted and until sometime in the month of March 1778 when he was discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania that he afterwards in September 1781 during the time that Cornwallis was besieged in York Town in the State of Virginia enlisted and served in the company commanded by Captain Churchwell Jones of a Regiment of Cavalry commanded formerly by Colonel Washington and then by Colonel George Balor who had formerly commanded the same, that he continued in the Service of the United States under this enlistment until June following when he with the remainder of the Army was dismissed from service near Charleston in the State of South Carolina and afterwards got his discharge is at home in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia both of which said discharges he has since lost – that he was in the Battles at Trenton, at Brandywine, at Germantown, at Red Bank, at fort Mifflin and at the capture of Cornwallis at York Town, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. His occupation is farming which he is very unable to follow as he has for many years labored under a violent hydrocell [?] His family consist of a wife and daughter, his wife named Betsy aged 58 who is infirm and little capacitated to assist him in acquiring a support. His daughter named Sarah aged 23.

And 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

S/ Thomas Spraggin, X his mark

State of Tennessee Monroe County: County Court December Sessions

This day formerly appeared Thomas Spraggin in Open Court and exhibited the following Schedule and swore to the same to wit

1 Horse valued at	\$45.00
one mare	15.00
9 head of cattle	40.00
15 head of hogs	20.00
3 axes \$2.50 two wedges \$1.00	3.50
4 hoes \$2.00 1 Mattock \$1.00	3.00
1 plow \$2.00 2 pair drawling chains \$3	5.00
1/5 chain \$2 1 drawing knife 50cts	2.50
1 skillet 50cts one gun & shot pouch \$5.00	5.50

one spoon Mole \$1.00 one Loom \$2

3.00

\$141.50

S/ Thomas Spraggin, X his mark

[p 54: almost illegible affidavit given by James Morrison¹ in Hawkins County, Tennessee that he knows that Spraggin was a regular soldier under Thomas Hutchins for 2 years for part of the time and then under Capt. Peter Dunn; that Spraggin was under Dunn at Brandywine. Morrison signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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State of Tennessee Greene County: this day being the 1st day of November 1822 Personally appeared Benjamin Holder before me Jesse Davis one of the acting justices of the peace in and for said County and after being duly sworn by me deposed and saith as follows he was well acquainted with Thomas Spraggin when he was a soldier in the Company commanded by Thomas Hutchins in the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner the deponent further states that the said Thomas Spraggin now present before him enlisted in said Company for two years and faithfully served his time out part of his time under the command of Captain Peter Dunn the deponent further states that they the said Benjamin Holder and the said Thomas Spraggin both listed under the above Captain Hutchins [indecipherable word or words] one time further this deponent sayeth not taken and subscribed before made the day and year aforesaid.

Attest

S/ Jesse Davis

S/ Benjamin Holder, X his mark

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State of Tennessee to wit

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the Circuit courts for the State of Tennessee now presiding in the 4th circuit of which the Circuit Court of Williamson County is a component part, Thomas Harden Perkins² a resident of said County who is to me well known as a man of undoubted credit, who being first duly sworn, deposed & saith that he himself was an Ensign in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hutchins in the 6th Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Buckner, that said Company was enlisted for two years, that he himself served the United States about two years and left the service as a first Lieutenant, that a certain Thomas Spragen and was a soldier in said company he believes he was enlisted for two years as that was the term of the enlistment of the company and believes he served out the term of his enlistment. That since he left the Army he has not seen the said Thomas Spragen and until a few days ago but is well satisfied that the man now in his presence who calls himself, Spragen is the same Thomas Spragen who was a soldier in his company, that he cannot now recollect exactly when he left the Army, nor when said company was discharged, and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Thos. H. Perkins



¹ [James Morrison S2869](#)

² [Thomas Harden Perkins S3680](#)

[p 3: On March 11, 1839 in Morgan County Tennessee, Elizabeth Spragen, a resident of Roane County Tennessee, aged 73, the 10th day of February past, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Spragen, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month for his service in said war; that she married him May 10, 1783; that the wedding took place in Edgefield County South Carolina; that it was solemnize by James More, a Justice of the Peace; that her husband died at her current residence in Roane County Tennessee on the stage road within a few yards of Morgan County Tennessee on the 21st day of June 1835; that the family record is in the handwriting of her grandson Isaac Spragen, the son of her deceased son Elijah Spragen and who died November 13, 1833; she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: Original family Bible register:

Thomas Spragen was born December 25 1756

Elizabeth Spragen was born in February 1766 [later entry clearly reads February 10 1766]

Isaac Spragen was born January the 4th 1786

William Spragen was born August the 26th 1788

Asa Spragen was born October 10 1791

Elisha Spragen was born March the [illegible] 1798 [later entry reads March th 2 179?]

Mary Spragen was born August 13 1801

Thomas Spragen was born November the 13th 18 [illegible] [later entry reads November 13 183
[sic, 1803?]

[illegible] Spragen was born August the 12th 1816 [later entry reads Isaac Spraggen was born
August the 12 1816]

Elizabeth An Norrell was born January the 19th 1823

Thomas Spragen Senior and Elizabeth Norrell was married 11 May 1783

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Salley Norrel was borned Nov 11, 1823

[p 19: Deaths]

Thomas Spragen Junior departed this life June the 21 1835

Elisha Spragen departed this life 13th of November 1833]

[Facts in file: the widow died October 21, 1846]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 1, 1823, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]