

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Springs W1327 Laurana Lavicey fn35NC
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District of North Carolina: SS

On this 23rd day of February 1819, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the United States for the District of North Carolina, personally appeared Micajah Springs aged about fifty-seven or eight years, resident in Sampson County in the said district 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Micajah Springs, sometime during the revolutionary war & towards the latter part thereof he thinks in the month of March 1781 enlisted in Duplin County in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Doherty of the first Regiment of the North Carolina line on the Continental establishment for twelve months; that he continued to serve in said Company and in Captain Rhodes Company to which he was afterwards transferred until the end of his said enlistment & for several months after to wit on or about June 1782 when he was discharged from service in Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, which discharge is lost; that he was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

State of North Carolina Sampson County: On this 26 day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court (it being a Court of record and trial by jury) Micajah Springs age 61 years resident in said County of Sampson, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows.

Enlisted in the Duplin County in the aforesaid State in the year 1781; joined the Army immediately; served under General Greene twelve months and that I made application for a pension in February 1819 which was allowed me I drew some pension at payable by a certificate No. 15,743 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 (namely) two beds and furniture two pewter dishes ½ the a dozen pewter plates 2 spinning wheels two pair card 1 ax 2 Hoes 1 Tub and one pale [pail] 1 piggan [piggin] one oven.

And I do further swear that my family consists of my wife Levitia Springs aged 47 years of a weak Constitution, and six children Dicy aged 17 healthy and able to contribute towards a support, Michael aged 17 unhealthy and unable to do but very little, Cannon aged 14 unhealthy and unable to do but little, Pherbe aged 11 not able to do but very little, William aged 8 and Hardy aged 5 years both of whom are entirely unable to support themselves, and further that I have no other trade or occupation than that of a common laborer.

The Court is of opinion that the property mentioned in the schedule in this case is of the value of \$31 and no more.

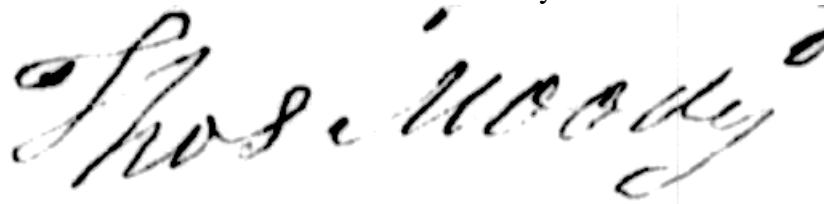
[attested by Hardy L. Holmes, Clerk]

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

Thomas Moody¹ of Cumberland County and State of North Carolina, after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with the within named Micajah Springs in April 1781 at which time he the said Micajah Springs and the said Thomas Moody did meet at Duplin old Court House in Duplin County North Carolina and joined Captain Jones Company of the first Regiment commanded by Major Redin Blount [sic, Reading or Reddin Blount] of the North Carolina Line, and marched with the said Springs to South Carolina and fought with him in the Battle [of] Eutaw Springs, South Carolina, and that the said Springs did continue in said service 12 months & upwards – until the said Thomas Moody separated with the said Springs at Bacons Bridge in April 1782 and the said Moody has reason to believe that the said Springs is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his country.

S/ Thos Moody

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Moody". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

State of North Carolina

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 17th day of August A.D. 1819

S/ John D. Toomer, JP

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State of North Carolina

Personally appeared before William Swinson Esquire one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Duplin David Quin² and after being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with Micajah Springs in the Army of the United States in time of the Revolution war,

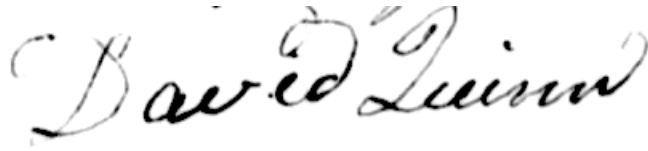
¹ [Thomas Moody S41892](#)

² Sic, [David Quinn W4771](#)

in South Carolina and that said Micajah Springs was then a Soldier in the first Regiment of North Carolina line for the term of 12 months and that after the Expiration of his Service I marched in company with him the said M. Springs to Wilmington in North Carolina where he was legally discharged.

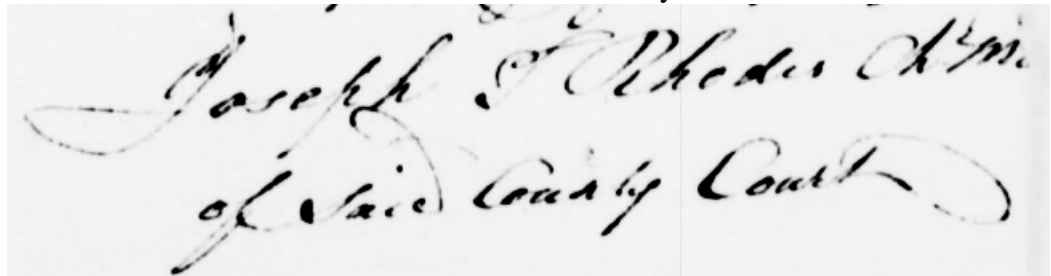
Sworn to before me the 26th day of July 1819

Attest S/ William Swinson, JP



I hereby Certify that the within named Micajah Springs served a Soldier in time of the Revolution war in the first Regiment of North Carolina line on the Continental Establishment when I was a Captain in said Regiment and that he served in the Company I then had the Command of. Given under my hand in the County of Duplin and State aforesaid the 29th day of July 1819.

S/ Joseph T. Rhodes,³ Chr'm
of said County Court



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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 23rd of February 1819

I William Hill, Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the North Carolina Line for the Revolutionary War that Micajah Springs was a private Soldier in said line under Captain Doherty of the 10th Regiment and that his time was out on the 25th May 1782, he enlisted sometime in the year 1781, but the muster rolls do not state the month in which he did enlist.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill, Sec'y

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State of North Carolina Duplin County: (first Regiment)

General Joseph T Rhodes being duly sworn saith That Micajah Springs was a Soldier on the Continental Establishment in the line of this State in time of the Revolution War, he served in my Company when a Captain in said Line and as well as I can recollect was legally discharged in South Carolina or Wilmington in this State.

January 20th 1819

Sworn to before me the day and date above

³ [Joseph T. Rhodes BLWt1867-300](#)

S/ Phill Southerland, JP

S/ Joseph T. Rhodes

State of North Carolina } (First Regiment)
(Duplin County) } General Joseph T. Rhodes being duly
sworn saith that Micajah Springs was a Soldier in the Continental
Establishment in the City of this State in time of the Revolution
that he served in my Company when a Captain in said line and
as well as I can recollect was legally discharged in North Carolina
at Wilmington in this State — January 20th 1819
Given to before me this day and date
above
Phill Southerland JP
Joseph T. Rhodes

I do hereby Certify that the above named Micajah Springs entered the Army for the term of 12 months and I verily believe served out his full time and was legally discharged. Given under my hand in the County of Duplin the 12th of February 1819

S/ Joseph T. Rhodes

I do hereby Certify that the above named Micajah
Springs entered the Army for the Term of Twelve Months
and I verily believe served out his full time and was
legally discharged. Given under my hand in the County
of Duplin the 12th day of February 1819
Joseph T. Rhodes

[fn p. 14: On February 23, 1848 in Sampson County North Carolina, Lavicey Springs, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Micajah Springs a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; That she married him August 5, 1792; that he died March 4th, 1847. Her name is signed with a mark and listed as Lurana Lavicey Springs]

[fn p. 16: John Sikes gave supporting testimony stating that his father loaned Micajah Springs a horse to ride to his marriage; and that he, the affiant, "made brick" about the time of the marriage for a chimney for the house the veteran and his wife lived in in 1793.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 23, 1819, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]