

S/ Jno Vann, JP

Absalom Spiers Son of Absalom & Rachal Spiers was born November 1th 1760

Thomas Spiers son of Absolom & Rachil Spiers was Born Oct 28 [illegible]

Elisha Spiers son of Absolom & Rashal Spiers was born January 31th 1767

John Spiers son of [torn and missing]

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October 5th 178? and departed this life December 18th 1787

James Spiers son of Absalom & Mary Spiers April 20th 1789

Thomas Spiers Son of Absalom & Mary Spiers was born September 12 1790

Nancy Spiers daughter of Absalom & Mary Spiers was born August 12th 1803

George Spiers son of Absalom & Mary Spiers was born December the 29th 1805

Absalom Spiers s departed this life May 19 1810

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William Spiers son of Absalom and Mary Spiers was born January first 1796

Joseph Spiers son of Absalom & Mary Spiers was born March 4 179?

Charles Spiers son of Absalom & Mary Spiers was born February 2nd 1800

[fn p. 32: On January 25, 1841 in Hertford County North Carolina, James Spiers gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a pension that the family Bible records submitted by her is in his handwriting; that he made the entries based on the originals taken by his uncle Elisha; that the record has remained in his possession until his mother attached it to her application.]

[fn p. 9: On November 18, 1840, Elisha Spiers, 84, testified in Hertford County North Carolina that he has the most distinct recollection of his brother Absalom leaving home to serve in the Army and of his marriage to Mary Cotton on December 15, 1782; that he lived with Mary cotton while his brother was in the service and their first child was born in October 1783.]

[fn p. 15: Elisha Spiers gave further testimony that his brother and his wife had 3 children who were either born dead or died immediately after birth between the births of their first and second child as recorded in the family record.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War That Absalom [torn and missing] a private in Captain Fenner's Company of the 2nd Regiment enlisted on the 20th day of November 1776 for the term of three years, that on the 22nd day of October 1783, a [torn and missing] rant [warrant] for 360 acres of land was issued for his service as a Soldier for four years which Warrant is [torn and missing] and drawn by Colonel Hardy Murfree.

Given under my hand the [torn and missing] day of November 1840

S/ Wm Hill

[fn p. 19: Susanna Burton, 74, gave supporting evidence regarding the marriage of Absalom and Mary.]

[fn p. 21 & 25: Charles Powell,¹ 83, gave supporting evidence regarding the marriage of Absalom and Mary as well as supporting evidence as to the services of Absalom in the Revolution.]

[fn. p. 27 & 40: Henry Best² gave testimony as to the marriage of Absalom to Mary Cotton; in his affidavit he states that he was in the service at Cross Creek and returned home the last of December 1782 to find that Absalom and Mary had been married but a few days.]

[fn p. 36: Charles Powell testified that after Absalom & Mary were married, Absalom returned to the Army and marched from Winton to Halifax under Captain Goodman and was there discharged; states that he was at the marriage between Absalom and Mary.]

[fn p. 30]

State of North Carolina Northampton County

The affidavit of Nicholas Tyner³ of the said County now in the 91st year of his age a pensioner of the United States, who being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says. That he knew and served with Absalom Spiers in the war of the Revolution. He knew him before he entered the service, during the time, he served, and from that time up to his death. Absalom Spiers entered the service in the fall of 1776 and served under Captain Fenner for 3 years. He then returned home and married and again entered the service and continued to serve until the spring of 1783 when he was discharged at Halifax at the same time this affiant was. Absalom Spiers was at the time he was discharged under the command of Captain Goodman. This affiant knows that Absalom Spiers was married at the time he left the service, this affiant well knew his wife whose name was Mary Cotton and she is the identical person known to this affiant as his wife & now applying for a pension.

Given under my hand this 19th day of January 1841.

S/ Nicholas Tyner, X his mark

[fn p. 38]

State of North Carolina Hertford County: The affidavit of James Weston⁴ a pensioner of the United States taken to prove the marriage in service of Absalom Spiers – This affiant being first duly sworn according to law testifies and says.

I was born and raised in two miles of Absalom Spiers and his wife Mary Spiers now applying for a pension and knew him up to his death. I well remember when he enlisted under Captain Fenner in 1776 and marched to the North and his return, and he again joining the Army and his return home at the close of the War. He enlisted in January 1781 under Captain Goodman and served under him to the close of the War.

This affiant was not present at the marriage of Absalom Spiers with Mary Cotton now his widow but he knows it took place while Absalom Spiers was stationed near Winton in the month of December 1782 – at the time it took place this affiant was himself in service near Fayetteville after the Tories and on his return from that service he found Absalom Spiers married to Mary Cotton who is a cousin to this affiant. Absalom Spiers a short time after his marriage was

¹ [Charles Powel \(Powell\) S7323](#)

² I could find no veteran by this name who filed for a federal pension based on service in the revolution. His statement that he was in service at Cross Creek in 1782 may be the only evidence in the federal pension records of his service.

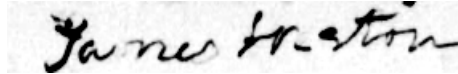
³ [Nicholas Tyner S7773](#)

⁴ [James Weston S7858](#)

marched to Halifax where he was discharged in the spring of 1783.

This affiant can and does testify that Mary Spiers now applying for a pension is the identical person married to Absalom Spiers and the said Spiers is the identical person who served as before stated.

Given under my hand this 21st of January 1841.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James H. Hill".

[fn p. 62]

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Absalom Spiers a private Soldier in Captain Fenner's Company of the 2nd Regiment, enlisted on the 20th day of November 1776 for the term of 3 years. That Colonel Hardy Murfree appears to have served in said Regiment first as a Major from 1st February 1777 to 1st April 1778, and from that time as a Lieutenant Colonel to the end of the War. I do further certify that it appears of record in this Office that a Warrant for bounty land was issued for four years services of the said Absalom Spiers on the 22nd day of October 1783, drawn by Colonel Hardy Murfree, which Warrant was obtained on the certificate of a Field Officer, which was the only evidence necessary to authorize the Secretary of State to issue such Warrants and I do further certify, that it appears from a book of settlements of the accounts of the Officers and Soldiers of the revolutionary war, that Absalom Spiers was allowed the sum of £146.6.11 drawn by Colonel Hardy Murfree in 1783 or 1784.

Given under my hand at office in Raleigh this 10th day of January 1844
S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for the 2 years service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]