

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spinner W2365

Mary

f44VA

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[f p. 20]

District of Virginia SS

On this 25th day of June 1818 before us the subscribers justices sitting in the County Court of Amelia ~~for~~ in the said District

personally appeared John in her age 67 years, resident in said Amelia in the said district who being by us 1st 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 John Spinner enlisted in the month of February 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Everard Meade of the Continental line and 2nd Regiment

That he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the month of February 1778 when he was discharged from service in the camp at Valley Forge State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] 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.

Sworn to and declared before us the day and year aforesaid

S/ James P. Cocke

S/ Edwd. Eggleston

S/ Tilmon E. Jeter

S Rd. Eggleston

[f p. 23]

Virginia Amelia County to wit

On this 25th day of August 1820

John Spinner personally appeared before the Justices of the peace sitting for said County of Amelia in open Court being a court of record for said County of Amelia aged about sixty-seven or eight years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted under Captain Everard Meade in said County of Amelia about February 1776 that he continued in the service two years that he was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colonel Spotswood, afterwards by Colonel \_\_\_\_\_. That he was discharged at Valley Forge the \_\_\_ day of February 1778 that he was in the battles of German Town & Brandywine – That he has heretofore received a pension from the United States by virtue of a warrant dated the 21st July

1819 No. 12547 granted under a declaration may 25 June 1818 at the rate of \$8 per month

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Schedule

Family

Himself in firm a farmer unable to work	
wife very infirm aged about 70 years	
a niece aged about 28 years spinster	
a Grandson aged about 12 years assists in labor	
50 acres very poor land worth about 20/per acre	\$166.66
a mare & colt worth about	40.00
3 cows one heifer and 3 yearlings	50.00
7 head of hogs	12.00
kitchen furniture worth about	3.00
12 head of sheep worth	<u>15.00</u>
	\$286.66

(signed)

S/ John Spinner, X his mark

[f p. 17]

In Amelia County November Court 1823 Virginia

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1823 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record) for the County of Amelia John Spinner aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said John Spinner enlisted for the term of \_\_\_ on the \_\_\_ day of February in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Edward Meade in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Spotswood in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until \_\_\_ day of February 1778 when he was discharged from the said service at Valley Forge in the state of \_\_\_ [Pennsylvania] that he has heretofore received a pension from the United States by virtue of a warrant dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 1819 Number 12547 granted under a declaration made the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818 at the rate of \$8 per month, that he was in the battles of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] and Brandywine [September 11, 1777], that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the evidence furnished in his former declaration, and that he was dropped from the pension list on account of his property and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Family. Himself, unable to labor, and in very bad health a farmer formally, now unable to do anything. Wife about 72 years of age very sickly and unable to do anything of consequence

Schedule of property

50 acres of land originally poor, very much worn out & exhausted worth \$3 per acre	\$150
a Sorrel mare worth about	20
two cows worth now a about	16
1 young steer worth	10
3 sheep (rest lost since last schedules)	3
8 hogs	9
earthenware	.50
two very old pine tables	.37
6 old chairs	.75
2 butter pots ? jugs &c	.50
Hoe, shovel, Trevit, Tub & pails flat iron knives and forks	1.00
About four barrels Corn	7.00
Some old plantation tools, old axe	
two old plows &c &c	<u>2.80</u>
	\$220.92

S/ John Spinner, X his mark

[f p. 3: On December 4, 1846 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Mary Spinner, 89, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Spinner, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1780; that her husband died in Amelia County Virginia October 3, 1825 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On February 22, 1847 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Benjamin Tucker, aged about 70 and a resident of Lincoln County gave testimony that he married the only daughter and child of John and Mary Spinner in the County of Amelia and State of Virginia that they were married in the year 1796 and that their 1st child was born August 21st, 1798 which will appear by reference to the family record attached to his deposition; that they record was made some 30 years ago by Joseph Pollard, a school master in the neighborhood; that Mary Spinner and John Spinner lived together as husband and wife until the death of John; that Mary Spinner has lived with deponent ever since the death of her husband. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 13:family record:

Polly W Tucker Daughter of Benjamin & Jane Tucker his wife was born August 21, 1798

Kiziah M. Tucker was born June 21st 180? [last digit obliterated

John Tucker was born September the 13th 1807

Martha A. Tucker was born March 16th, 1810

Senoyora [?] everet Tucker was born the 7th of April 1815

Keziah [?]

Elizia Tucker born July 17th 1818]

[f p. 6: On February 22, 1847 in Lincoln County Tennessee, Kiziah M. Cavender, aged about 42, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Benjamin Tucker who has given an affidavit in support of the application of Mary Spinner for a pension under the 1836 act; that she is the granddaughter of said Mary Spinner; that she was born in Amelia County Virginia; that she (affiant) left that state at age 22 and married Patrick Cavender at the age of about 17 years; that her grandfather John Spinner the husband of Mary Spinner died several years after she was married. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 25, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned also.]