

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Sperry¹ W3470

Elizabeth

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State of Virginia Corporation of Winchester SS

On this 3rd day of November 1838, personally appeared before the Court of the Corporation of Winchester, Elizabeth Sperry a resident of the said Corporation aged sixty-nine years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of Jacob Sperry who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that he, as she has always understood and verily believes, joined the Company of Riflemen under the command of Captain (afterwards General) Daniel Morgan at Winchester in the summer of 1775 – marched from thence to Cambridge in Massachusetts, and thence by way of River Kennebec to Québec, where he, with his companions in arms, was taken prisoner; that he remained a prisoner there for some time, and afterwards returned to Winchester, having been absent about eighteen months.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Sperry on the 23rd day of August in the year 1790; that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Sperry died on the 3rd day of April, 1808; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Elizabeth Sperry, X her mark

Sworn to in open Court the 3rd day of November 1838.

S/ Leml. Bent, Clk.

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Extract from the family Bible of Jacobs. Deceased

"Jacob Speer he and Elizabeth Lauck was married on the 23rd of August 1790."

[Attested by Lemuel Bent, Clerk as a true copy of the record from the Bible of the applicant.]

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Virginia Frederick County: SS

Be it known, that on the 7th day of November 1738, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Peter Lauck² aged eighty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith, that he was well acquainted with Jacob's. Deceased late of Winchester, that in the summer of the year 1775 this deponent and the said Jacobs. Joined a company of Riflemen under the command of Captain Daniel Morgan, afterwards General Morgan, at Winchester, that they marched from thence to Cambridge in

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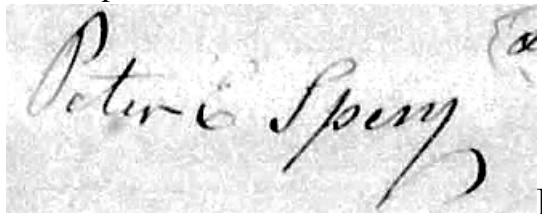
² FPA R6183

Massachusetts, and thence by way of Kennebec River to Québec, where they were taken prisoners together on the last day of December 1775, when General Montgomery was killed; that they remained in prison for some time, and afterwards returned home together having been absent nearly eighteen months – that they were in the same mess while in this service – that sometime in the year 1790, deponent was present when said Jacobs. Was married to Elizabeth Lauck sister of this deponent, and that the said Jacob and Elizabeth lived together as man and wife until the death of the said Jacob in the year 1808

S/ Peter Lauck

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Peter Lauck". The ink is dark on a light-colored paper background.

[f p. 8: Power of attorney dated January 12th, 1856 signed by Peter E Sperry in which he recites he is the son of Jacob Speer he and Catharine E Sperry, the 1st a revolutionary soldier and the latter a pensioner of the United States.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Peter E Sperry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper background.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]