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Pension Application of John Spencer W3883

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Virginia Be it remembered that on the 26th Day of November in the year of Our Lord 1819 personally appeared before the County Court of Greenbrier John Spencer aged fifty six resident in said County & State aforesaid who being Duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by 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 That the said John Spencer enlisted in Albemarle County State of Virginia for term of Eighteen Months in the company at that time commanded by a certain Capt Thomas Warman that his Enlistment took place (as well as he now recollects) some time in February 1781 That belonged to the Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Thomas Posey on Continental Establishment That he continued to serve in s'd Corpse until some time in December 1782 when he was discharged that he has since lost his Discharge which was an honorable one That he was in the Battles of Seigh of York [sic: Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and in several scirmishes with the Indians near to Savannah Town on Savanah River in the State of Georgia and with several skirmishes with the British at Geeches Bridges [sic: on Ogeechee River] near savanah Town that he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support That he has no other Evidence now in his power of said services

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse lists the following: John Spencer, age 18, height 5' 7½", light hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, farmer, born and residing in Albemarle County where he enlisted as a substitute on 20 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized on 9 Apr 1781.

On 23 Apr 1842 Mary Spencer, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married John Spencer in Albemarle County in Oct 1782, and he died in Greenbrier County on 22 July 1820. A power of attorney refers to Susan Spencer, daughter of John and Mary Spencer. The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 4 Nov 1785 by John Spence and David Humphrey for the marriage of Spencer to "Mary Humphrey (spinster) daughter of David Humphrey both of Albemarle County." On a document dated 16 Oct 1848, the age of Mary Spencer is said to be 88.