

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Spencer W3884 Sally Spencer NC [VA]
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State of Virginia }
County of Patrick }

on this fifteenth day of March 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Patrick county and State aforesd now siting John Spencer of the county aforesaid aged seventy years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States he believes in the year 1780 in place of William Clack as a substitute for said Clack for a three months tour in the county of Surry North Carolina that in consequence of dotage and loss of memory he cannot recollect the name of his Captains name but recollects that he served under Major McRoberts that he was stationed at Salisbury in North Carolina employed in guarding the prisoners and tories who had been previously taken and confined in the jail and guard House that he was kept there untill the prisoners were removed from there into Virginia Henry County where this applicant was discharged which said discharge is lost the next tour of service this applicant performed was as a substitute for Bartlett Reynolds that he entered the army of the United States in this capacity in the county of Henry state of Virginia his father having moved to that county now [since 1791] the county of Patrick. he served this tour under Captain Haman Critz in the year 1781 as well as he recollects he was marched on to Pamunkey [sic: Pamunkey] River where he joined the army he does not recollect who was the commanding officer of the army but recollects that the above mentioned McRoberts was in company taking care of the Military Stores there was about twelve thousand men in the army he says when he first joined it they was march down the James River the army still marching untill his three month tour was at an end when he was discharged and from thence he returned home this applicant states that his last discharge was signed by Capt Critz and is lost he further states that he was discharged a short time before the surrender of Corn Wallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] that he has no documentary evidence of service and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove services he states that he was bourn in the County of Henrico in the state of Virginia but has no record of his age but from the best information he can get he is seventy years of age that he lived in the county of Surry North Carolina when he entered the service the first time and in the county of Henry state of Virginia when he entered the service the second time that he now resides in the county of Patrick state of Virginia and has resided near the same place ever since the Revolutionary war.

he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
John hisXmark Spencer

NOTE: On 19 Jan 1847 Sally Spencer, 82, applied for a pension stating that she married John Spencer on 14 March 1783 in Henry County, and he died on 30 Nov 1842 in Patrick County. The minister's return showing the marriage by Rev John Newman was dated 4 June 1783. On 1 July 1847 Daniel Spencer, 73 or 74, stated that he remembered that when he was a small boy his brother, John Spencer, married Sally Lynch. On 1 Sep 1847 William Spencer stated that he was the oldest child of John and Sally Spencer, and that according to the family register in his father's Bible, he was 63 in the previous April. Carrington Dillon stated that some 22 years previously he had borrowed the register of the ages of the children of John and Sally Spencer to copy the date of birth of his wife, who was their daughter, and that the register was destroyed in the burning of his house. On 30 March 1855 Sally Spencer applied for bounty land stating that she was married to John Spencer, Sr on or about 10 June 1783, and that her husband died at his house on or about 20 Dec 1842.