

months. I knew at the time, that Captain Moore belonged to the army, but did not know what rank he held, or what service he belonged to – but have since understood that he was in the regular army & that my brother enlisted with him for twelve months

I do not recollect any thing more that would be to the purpose Nancy herXmark Chamblin

I, Enoch Furr [pension application W11030] residing in the County of Loudon & State of Virginia do hereby Certify, that Spencer Davis who is now applying for a pension under the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 is a nephew of mine, being a sisters son. I recollect that Spencer was out of the neighbourhood two or three years at that time & it was generally believed that he was in the revolutionary army. After his return, we spent a night together & he gave me an account of of what he had been about – that he had been regular army on to the North, with the French. He told me a great many passages, when he was on his different tours – which it is not necessary to state here, but I have no doubt from what I know of him, & from the general belief of the neighbourhood at the time, that he was in the army of the revolution. I am about eighty five years of age

Enoch hisXmark Furr

[Minor Furr of Loudoun County stated that he recalled Davis, the son of his father's sister, telling his father about his services.]

I George Rust residing in the County of Loudon & State of Virginia do hereby Certify, that I am well acquainted with Spencer Davis of the County of Hampshire (late of the County of Loudon) & believe him to be seventy two or three years of age. I myself am near seventy four & as well as I remember s'd Spencer is a year or two younger. In the fall of 1780 s'd Spencer & I volunteered to serve a tour three months, under Captain Daniel Figgins, who went from the County of Loudon. John Russell was first Lieutenant, my brother Mat Rust 2^d D[it]to. We were marched down through Fredericksburg Richmond &c In the neighbourhood of Petersburg we joined General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] – we were watching the movements of Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion, which arrived in VA in Apr 1781], but avoided coming in contact with him. Our term of service expired before the other levies came in & we remained some ten days after. I never served with him afterwards, but know that he was gone out of the neighbourhood a good while & understood he was in the army. S'd Spencer had the reputation of being as brave a man & as good a soldier as any in the army – & in private life, so long as we lived in the same neighbourhood, he maintained the character of an honest & truthful man & I entertain no doubt of the truth of his statements.

[signed] George Rust

Loudoun County ToWit

I Edward Hall a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid do certify that James Wornal [James Wornell, pension application W2892] this day personally appeared before me and made oath that Spencer Davis did serve with him in a Company of Virginia Militia commanded by Captain Figgins three months in the latter part of the summer & fall of 1780, and that he performed a second tour of duty with him the said Wornal in Capt. Simon Hancocks company about the same season of the year in 1781. and that he the said Davis was absent about twelve months in 1782 and the deponent says he always understood that he had enlisted and went with the French Troops to the north. Given under my hand this 28th day of June 1833

[On 22 June 1833 in Hampshire County John Quinn (pension application S38322) also certified Davis's tour under Capt. Figgins.]

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Virginia

Loudon County to wit

On this 2^d day of July 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace for s'd County Spencer Davis, late a resident of the County of Loudon now a resident of the County of Hampshire in s'd. State; aged seventy two years – who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832 – He was born in the County of Loudon, has no record of his birth but thinks he was born in 1761 – Resided with his parents in s'd County, when he first entered Army & after the close of the war, returned to his native County, where he continued to reside until about the the year 1813, when he removed to Hampshire County in s'd State where he now resides –

In the fall of 1780, he served as a volunteer, a tour of three months under Captain Daniel Figgins, who commanded a company of militia from his neighbourhood. John Russell was 1st Lieutenant & Mat Rust 2^d Do – marched through Fredericksburg Richmond &c to the County south of James River, where he joined the army under Gen'l Muhlenburg & was placed under the immediate command of Col Gibson of the infantry. The American troops were watching the movements of Col Tarlton, trying to restrain his plundering parties, but retreating whenever advanced upon – does not remember exactly where he was when his term of service expired, but thinks it was somewhere near Smithfield – remained with his Company some time after his term of service expired, waiting the arrival of the new levies. In the course of the next spring & summer, he served a second tour of three months as a substitute for one Thomas Cannon, under Capt. Thomas Humphrey, who commanded a company of militia raised in Loudon – several other companies went from Loudon at the same time; he remembers one under Capt Vincent & one from Fauquier under Capt O'Banion [Samuel Obanon] – Major Cox of Loudon had the command [illegible word] a halt of a few days in Williamsburg, where the troops took up their quarters in the old Capitol, where was a full length likeness of Lord Dunmore [the former Royal Governor], cut out of marble & standing on a block of the same & the curls in his hair, the folds of his cloak, the shoe-buckles & every part of a fine dress in those days, all looked so natural, he could not have thought any one could have cut them out of such a hard looking thing. Went from thence to York-Town where he staid perhaps only one night, & returned to Williamsburg & took up quarters in the old Barracks. In the course of a week or two, more numerous parties of militia comeing in, we gave up the barracks to them & moved into Lord Dunmores palace. Here we lay but a short time, before we were driven off by a party of British under Tarleton, who came on us in the night [about 19 June 1781], & beat up our quarters – there was some little fighting & two of my acquaintances, one belonging to Capt Humphreys company killed. The americans retreated about nine miles that night, & saw the light from the conflagration of the Barracks & Lord Dunmores Pallace. The next day they continued the retreat to Ruffins Ferry on the Pamunkey, where they received tidings that the enemy had proceeded up the river toward Richmond. On this intelligence the Americans changed their course & went by forced marches to Richmond, going all night. On arriving there, joined the main army under Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne & Marquis LaFayette. The British under Cornwallis encamped on the opposite side of the river, in the old fields near Manchester – they did not reach there untill some hours after we joined the army. After burning the tobacco warehouses & some few private dwellings in Manchester the British fell down the river again & went into York Town & never came out again untill the Americans brought them out. His term of service having now expired, he was discharged at Richmond, & returned home.

On reaching home he found that he had been drafted to serve his own tour under Capt. Simon Hancock & that the company had already started. He only took time to procure a few refreshments, & followed on after them & joined at Lacy's tavern, the place of rendezvous. Col West of Loudon commanded the regiment. Joined the united Army of French & americans under Washington at York Town & aided in the capture of Cornwallis – The company to which he belonged lay on the opposite side of the river [at Gloucester], untill they were ordered across to march out a body of prisoners whom they conducted to Nolans Ferry on the Potomac River – where they were taken charge of by an other body of militia, & Capt Hancocks Company was discharged.

