

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Spyers (Spyres, Spiers) W6145 Rebecca Spyers MD
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Ohio } Ss I Do Certify that on this 18th Day of May one thousand Eight Hundred &
Brown County } Eighteen Before Me James Moore one of associate Judges of the court of
Common pleas Within and for the County aforesaid Duly commisioned and quellified personally appeared
Richard Spyers a Resident of Brown County an old man aged 64 years and after being Duly Sworen as the
Law Directs Deposith and sayeth that he he inlisted in the sarvice of the united states in the Revelutionary
war for During the war on the 10th Day of July the year 1781 inlisted under Leuftenant Jacob Craford [sic:
Jacob Crawford] in the company of Lilbun Williams [sic: Lylburne Williams] in the State of Maryland at
anaples [sic: Annapolis] in the third Maryland Regiment of the Mayland line commanded by Genere
[William] Smallwood and Marched from Anoples to the Bolingreen [sic: Bowling Green VA] and there
joined the Marquis [Gen. Marquis de Lafayette] and then marched to york commmanded by Capen price
& Leut. philop Hill [sic: Capt. Benjamin Price (BLWt341-300) and Lt. Philip Hill] and was at the taking
of Cornwalas [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and then Marched to Charls Town on Jmeses
Island [sic: Charleston SC and then to James Island] and then was Brought by water to anoples in the Ship
Carnel and there Discharged at anoples at the Close of the war and this Deponent sayeth that his Discharge
is Lost or Mislaid and from the age and hardships that he is Reduced & not well able to work and is
Become poore and Stands in Need of help from his Country and further this Deponent sayeth not
Richard hisXmark Spyers

District of Ohio Brown County. Ss.

On this fifth day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court (being a court of Record by possessing
the power of fine and imprisonment) Richard Spiers who being first duly sworn according to law doth on
his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (towit) In the third Marryland
Regiment in the company commanded by Lylburn Williams and also in the company commanded by
Capt. Benjamin Price and that he now is inscribed on the pension list roll of the Ohio agency by pension
certificate dated war office 21st of July 1819 and number 127.22 and his original Declaration on the 18th
day of May 1818 and now resides in Brown County and State of Ohio

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818
and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part
thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 18th 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 1 blind horse 3 cows 2 colts 7 head
of sheep 9 head of hogs 24 bushels of wheat 18 bushels of corn and some other articles in the whole
amounting to one hundred and ten dollars I am by occupation a farmer not able to work more than two
hours in the day in pursuit of my said occupation I am now 68 years of age my wife Rebecca now 49
years my son John aged 17 years my Daughter Darcus aged 13 years my son Henry aged 13 years my
Daughter Jane aged 10 years and from these circumstances the family is unable to support themselves by
their labour

Richard hisXmark Spiers

The State of Ohio } [4 Sep 1830]

Brown County } I Richard Spyers aged seventy seven years past do upon oath testify and declare
that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one I enlisted for the term of during the war and
served in the Regiment No 3 in the Maryland line under the command of Colonel Adams and that I
continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war when I was regularly discharged from the same

regiment and commanded by the same Colonel I further declare that I never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States nor have I assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever except by power of attorney dated January 20th 1830. [New power of attorney follows.]
Richard hisXmark Spyles

NOTES:

The file includes a copy of the last will and testament of Richard Spires dated 3 March 1838 bequeathing all his estate to "beloved wife Rebecca Spires... provided she lives single but in case she should marry then & from that time she is only to have one third part of said estate and the surviving two thirds of said estate to be equally divided among my children after deducting out fifty dollars a piece which I have given my two sons John Spires and Henry Spires that is to say after William Spires, Elizabeth Butt, Nancy Young, Sarah Smith, Dorcus Calvin, Jane Miller get fifty dollars a piece of my estate, and Martin Spires my grandson the son of Richard Spires dec'd four Dollars."

Between 1840 and 1852 Rebecca Spires applied for a pension stating that as Rebecca Sentel she was married by Levi Gant or Garnett, a Presbyterian minister, at his home in Prince Georges County MD in February 1787 to Richard Spires, who died on 19 March 1838. She stated that she was born in Montgomery County MD on 25 March 1771, and that she had nine children, the youngest being Jane Miller who would be 30 on 4 Feb 1841. She stated that Jane "was less than two months old when herself and her husband came down the Ohio River from Cumberland County in the State of Pennsylvania to the State of Ohio and at the same time her oldest son William Spires was... twenty three years of age in January next after they came down the river," having been born about 10 months after her marriage.

Rebecca Spyles's application was certified by Charles B. Smith, Henry Young, and others. Henry Young stated that he was the husband of the former Nancy Spyles. On 22 Jan 1852 it was stated that Elizabeth, the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Spyles, was then the wife of Samuel A. Butt of Brown County. Samuel A. and Elizabeth Butt presented the family record transcribed below (extraneous commas not included).

Samuel A Butt was born March 30th 1790

Elizabeth Spires was Born July 19th 1790

Samuel A Butt and Elizabeth Spires was married February 13th 1811

The Ages of their Children

Aaron Butt was Born December 24th 1811

Samuel A Butt was born August 28th 1814

Elizabeth Butt was Born April 17th 1816

Nancy Butt was Born May 28th 1818

Abram S Butt was born November 3^d 1820

John B. Butt was Born November 24th 1822

Maryann Butt was born November 25th 1824

Sarah Jane Butt was born March 28th 1826

Rebecca Butt was born March 20th 1828

Pitchard [Richard?] Butt was born February 27 1831

Alexander Butt was born May 8th 1833 dide may 8th 1833