

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Spencer W6155

Judith

f41VA

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State of Virginia Buckingham County, to wit

On this the 11th day of October 1841 personally appeared in open Court held for the County and State aforesaid Judith Spencer, a resident of said County and State aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows: That she is the widow of Moses Spencer late of the said County and State who was a private in the Continental and militia service of Virginia in the war of the Revolution, She declares that she knows nothing whatever of the service of her late husband; except from his own statement and that of others who served with him she having married him subsequent to the close of the war. He often stated to her in his lifetime that he was in actual service six months marched from the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia under Captain Charles Patterson and Lieutenant John Burkes on one occasion and at another time marched from the same County and State but from the lapse of time she cannot now state the particulars and therefore prefers to rely on the public Records in the statements of those who served with him, whose affidavits accompany her Declaration. She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Spencer on the 5th day of January 1786. That her husband the aforesaid Moses Spencer died on the 30th day of __ 1830 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, to wit at the time above stated.

S/ Judith Spencer, X her mark

The deposition of William Thornhill¹ of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia to establish the revolutionary services of the late Moses Spencer of the same County and State to entitle his widow Judith Spencer to the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, he states that Moses Spencer was a private in the Virginia Militia in the revolutionary war and marched from the County & State aforesaid in the same Company with him (the witness) under Captain Charles Patterson, Lieutenant John Burkes [? John Burke?] & Ensign William Beckun [? William Beckham?], the company met at Buckingham Court House about the 1st of January 1780 or 1781 he would not be certain which year but believes it was in the year 1781 from thence marched to the Town of Petersburg Virginia thence to Cabin Point and from thence to Mackey's Mills where they were discharged by Colonel Fleming after a tour of 3 months service.

S/ William Thornhill, X his mark

¹ [William Thornhill S14673](#)

The affidavit of James Falwell² of the County of Buckingham and State of Virginia; who states that he & Moses Spencer late of said County and State, the year & month not now recollected, were drafted militia man from said County in the company of Captain William Anderson and marched to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle Virginia to guard the Prisoners at that place, we were gone about 4 months, but it was called a 3 month tour we were in the same mess went together stayed the whole 4 months, 3 months together and discharged at the same time and place.

S/ James Falwell, X his mark

[f p. 19: Affidavit by Nathan Spencer (relationship if any to the veteran not stated) gave testimony that the veteran did not apply for a pension during his lifetime because he was in easy circumstances and did not want to go to the trouble of prosecuting the claim.]

[Facts in file: Widow's name prior to her marriage was Judith Ayres; there is no other family data in this file.]

² James Fallwell or Falwell FPA W7247