

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spencer W6156

Molly Spencer

f40Va.

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2367 Increase

Virginia: Molly Spencer, widow of John Spencer, who served in the Revolutionary war as a Lieut. & Sergt. Incribed on the Roll at the rate of 376 Dollars 66 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1848. Certificate of Pension issued the 5th day of April 1850 and sent to S. Godwin, Present: Increase from \$303.33 Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act February 2, 1848, Page 184 Vol. 3

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6052 Mollay Spencer widow of John Virginia Act 7 July 1838. Married 1785 Died 1817

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7 July 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows.

State of Virginia }

County of Halifax } SS

On this the 19th day of July 1839 personally appeared before me James L. Blackwell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Mollay Spencer a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged seventy six 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 provisions 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 John Spencer who was a first Lieutenant in Col. Thomas Marshall's Regiment of the Virginia State Line in the Army of the Revolution. She is unable from old age to recollect the precise dates of his enlistment but thinks it was in the year 1779 in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia. She does not recollect the various Battles her deceased husband was engaged in nor the various movements of the Army to which he was attached at the time he was in the service. She recollects he was in a Battle at Stono ferry [June 20, 1779] and at the siege at Charleston [April-May 1780] but for full proof of services she would respectfully refer the Honorable Department to the list of Col. Thos. Marshall's [Thomas Marshall] Regiment Virginia State line. She further declares that she was married to the said John Spencer in the County of Pittsylvania Va in the month of April 1785. That her husband the said John Spencer died on the 20th day of June 1817. That she was not married to him previous to

his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 (Viz) at the time above stated.

S/ Mollay Spencer (her mark)

Sworn and Subscribed to On this 19th July 1839 (sic) before me.

S/ James L. Blackwell, J Peace

State of Virginia }
County of Halifax }

I James L. Blackwell a Justice of the peace in and for the County and state aforesaid do hereby certify that Mollay Spencer above mentioned who has this day appeared before me and made oath to the foregoing declaration is unable from old age and bodily infirmity to attend our Court of which I am a Justice and I further certify that she is a creditable lady and entitled to full confidence upon oath. Given under my hand this 19th July 1839.

S/ James L. Blackwell, J Peace

State of Virginia }
County of Halifax }

I Lewis Spencer do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Mollay Spencer above mentioned that she is the widow of John Spencer who was a first Lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution and that the said John Spencer died the 20th June 1817 and that Mollay Spencer his widow has never married since the death of her husband the said John Spencer. Given under my hand the 22nd July 1839.

S/ Lewis Spencer



Sworn & Subscribed to before me the 22nd July 1839.

S/Elisha Barksdale, Jr., J Peace

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Know all men by these presents that we John Spencer & Robt Clopton are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifty pounds current money to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, Exors &c jointly and firmly by these presents Sealed with our Seals and dated this 18 day of April 1785.

Whereas there is a marriage suddenly intended and by God's permission between John Spencer & Mollay Clopton. Now the Condition of the above obligation is Such that if there is no lawfull Cause to obstruct the said Marriage then the above obligation to be void and of none affect or else to remain in full force, power & virtue.

S/John Spencer (Seal)

S/Robt. Clopton (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & Deliv'd }
in the presence of }
S/ Jos. Akin

Virginia Pittsylvania County to wit

I William H. Tunstall clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the above is a true Copy of the original now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court this 25th day of July one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine.

S/ Wm H. Tunstall

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Paid, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of March 1784, in the name of John Spencer as a Lieutenant for £198.5.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Reynolds and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
21st day of November 1838.

S/ Jas E. Heath, Auditor

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 2nd of February 1848 entitled An act making further provisions for surviving widows and Soldiers of the Revolution State of Virginia, Halifax County

On this the 28th day of July 1848 personally appeared before me James L. Blackwell a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Halifax, Mollie Spencer a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged about 84 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 2nd day of February 1848 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War That she is the widow of John Spencer who was a Sergeant Major and Lieutenant in Colonel Thomas Marshall's Virginia Regiment – That she received a pension under the act of the 17th of June 1844, at the rate of three hundred and three dollars and thirty three cents per annum She further declares that she is still a widow.

S/ Mollie Spencer, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day and year first above written.

S/ James L. Blackwell, JP

[Blackwell's status as a JP certified by William S. Holt, Deputy Clerk of Halifax County]

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I hereby Certify that it appears from a Roll of the Officers of Colonel Thomas Marshall's Regiment That in 1780 John Spencer appears in the capacity of Sergt. Major, and on the 11th of February in the same year it appears that he had received the appointment of 2nd Lieutenant.

Given under my hand at the Auditors Office Richmond this 21st of November 1839.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud.

Virginia claim 4727, includes statement that John Spencer died on June 20, 1817 in Halifax County, Va.

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$303.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant & Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line. Her pension was subsequently increased to \$376.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843]

Addendum to John Spencer R18077 and W6156

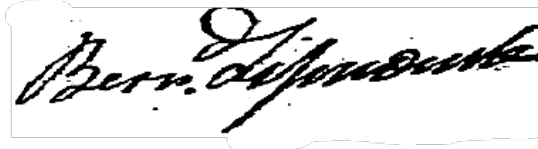
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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby Certify that I held a Lieutenat's commission in the Virginia State Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Colo Thomas Marshall raised during the Revelutionary War for three years and that John Spencer did inlist in said Reg't as a Soldier and in consequence of said Spencer having served two years pryor to that period in Seventh Virginia Reg't raised on Continental Establishment and from his Integrity and good conduct in Colo Thomas Marshall's Reg't he was appointed a Lieutenant in said Reg't and received his Commission as such; and did serve untill the said Reg't was Discharged. Given from under my hand this 25th day of March 1818.

Teste Ben'd Lipscomb [Bernard Lipscomb]

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A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Bern. Lipscomb".