

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Spradling W62

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: September Sessions 1829

### Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th of March 1818 –  
County of Claiborne and State of Tennessee on this 22nd day of September 1829 –

Personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County of Claiborne and State of Tennessee & having the power to impose fines & imprisonment, James Spradling resident in said County aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said James Spradling enlisted for the term of three years on the 15th of February in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Taliver [probably Taliaferro] in the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford] in the Virginia line that he continued to serve in said Company & Regiment for the term of three years and was then discharged from the service in Camden in the State of South Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the Roll of any State except \_\_\_\_\_. And that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, that he never knew how to proceed or that he could draw a pension at all until about five years ago when he presented his claim to be made out & forwarded but as he [was] advised it was supposed he was worth more than would entitle him to a pension by the war Department And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 viz.

one mare 24 years old worth	\$20.00
1 milk cows & calf & 2 yearlings	10.00
1 sow & 5 shoats	8.00
one pot	.75
1 small cattle	.75
1 skillet	.25

one pewter dish and 5 pewter plates  
6 knives and forks

3.50  
\$43.25

S/ James Spradling

That he is indebted to Hugh Graham &c near \$20 that he is by occupation a farmer and is very unable to pursue it on account of his age and infirmity, that he has a wife whose Christian name is Sally aged about 68 years and very unable to contribute in any way to his support, that he has no children living with him or any other person to assist him in making a support for him and his wife. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property. That at that time I owned two milk cows and two-year-old colts, one two year old heifer, and something like 10 or 12 hogs, which I do not now own the two cows and colt has since died and I sold the heifer to Michael Pearson for corn to bread [feed?] my wife and myself killed the hogs for meat. At that time also I lived own and had the possession of a small farm, which had been conveyed to me in trust, for the use of one of my grandchildren until he arrived at age of 21 years to which age he has since obtained and now lives upon and keeps the profits of said tract of land. Sworn to in Open Court this 22nd day of September 1829

S/ James Spradling

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: Be it known that on this the 16th day of June 1829 before me Isaac Vanbebber one of the acting justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Israel McBee<sup>1</sup> of said County and made oath that he was a Soldier in the revolutionary war and that he has saw and conversed fully with a certain James Spradling of the County aforesaid concerning of the Revolutionary services of the said Spradling who has applied for a pension and he positively states he knew the said James Spradling personally in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War and that this affiant and the said James Spradling did to his own knowledge served together in the aforesaid war upwards of twelve months and the said McKee this affiant further states that the said James Spradling did act as an orderly Sergeant in the Company of Captain Toliver in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Abraham Blewford and this affiant further states that he does not recollect precisely at what time the said James Spradling entered or enlisted in the Army but he has a perfect recollection of his serving with the said Spradling in the Army aforesaid in the year 1779 and this affiant further states that he is not of kin to the said James Spradling either by affinity or by consanguinity and this affiant also states that the said James Spradling is now present and that he knows that he is the identical cell same man that he knew in the Army above referred to.

S/ Israel MacBee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Israel MacBee". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[f p. 6: On December 23, 1840 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Sarah Spradling, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Spradling a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him January 11, 1783; that her husband died May 5, 1835; that she was married by

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S2784

George Brown, JP in Wilkes County North Carolina; that she has no family record of the same it having been destroyed by fire; that her oldest child was a daughter who was born in the year 1784 but the record of the births of her children was also destroyed by fire.]

[f p. 26: On December 23, 1840, in Claiborne County Tennessee, Joshua Davis, 79, gave testimony that he is well acquainted with Sarah Spradling and her husband James Spradling; that he was present at their marriage in Wilkes County by George Brown in the year 1783; that Sarah Spradling's name was Sarah Scott; that one of the girls in waiting on the bride wasn't Martha Harrison who this affiant married April 29, 1784. He signed his affidavit with his mark

[f p. 4: On September 6, 1841 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Mary Mullins, formerly Mary Spradling, gave testimony that she is the only living child of James and Sarah Spradling; that her mother Sarah Spradling departed this life July 12, 1841. She claims the 5 years pension due her mother. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Sarah Scott; Mary Mullins, a child of the veteran and his widow was herself a widow in 1841.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 15, 1829, for service as a Sergeant for three years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]