

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Spencer Edward (Edwards) W7078 Elizabeth Edwards VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Fauquier County District and State of Virginia

On this [blank] day of [blank] 1818 appeared before the county court of Fauquier of the state of Virginia, Spencer Edwards aged fifty eight years, resident in the county of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] and district aforesaid, who being first duly sworn in open court, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain, the provision made by a late 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 – That he the said Spencer Edwards enlisted on the 14th of September in the 1776 in the County of Fauquier & State aforesaid, under Capt. William Blackwell, of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, commanded by Coronel Daniel Morgan, that he served in the company three years the period of his enlistment, when he received a discharge at Smith’s Cloves [sic: Smiths Clove NY], which he has since lost; That he was in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandy-wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777], & in many small skirmishes, which he does not particularly remember, that his is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid his country for a support, & that he has, no other evidence of his services, now in his power except the annexed affidavit of Joseph Parker [pension application S38285].

Sworn to in open Court 28th May 1818

Spencer hisXmark Edward

State of Virginia

Culpeper County towit

On this 22^d day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record established by an Act of the General assembly of virginia for the said county; Spencer Edwards age 61 or 2 years or thereabouts resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that is to say, he enlisted on or about the 14th day of September 1776 under Captain William Blackwell of Fauquier of the 11th Virginia Regiment on the Continental line commanded by Colo. Daniel Morgan and remained in the service three years or thereabouts and in the course of his service was in the battles of Brandywine & Germantown and some skirmishes That he hath heretofore made a declaration in conformity with the law of the 18th of March 1818 and that his name is inscribed as a private in the army of the Revolution on the pension list Roll of the Virginia agency at the rate of Eight Dollars per month to commence on the 28th day of May 1818 as will more fully appear by his pension certificate bearing date the 9th day of January 1819 and signed by J C Calhoun Esquire Secretary of War with the seal of state thereto affixed the number of which said Certificate appears to be 5260 payable semiannually on the 4th of March at the Branch Bank of the united states Richmond Virginia. And the said Spencer Edwards further solemnly swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

Spencer Edwards

Schedule

I Spencer Edwards on the oath that [illegible word] do hereby declare the following to be a true list of my property towit.

One mare & colt of the value of	\$30.
One old bed & furniture	10.

2 sows & 7 Pigs & a small barrow	20.
1 axe 2/6 1 plow 6/. 3 old Hilling hoes @ 2/	<u>2.42</u>
	\$62.42

And I do further declare that my family at this time consists of a wife and four children three of them Girls of age & free to act for themselves and the other an afflicted boy under age & unable to work. That my wife is afflicted and unable to work, and that I myself being a labourer am afflicted likewise occasionally with Rheumatic pains, and badly able to work and really stand in need of assistance either public or private Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1820. Spencer Edwards

NOTE: On 27 July 1838 Elizabeth Edwards, 85, applied for a pension as the widow of Spencer Edwards, who died on 16 April 1821. On 18 Aug 1838 Ellenor Shepherd, about 80, stated that she was present when Spencer Edwards and Elizabeth Bozwell were married by Rev. James Stevenson in Culpeper County in 1788, about 21 December.

Virginia, Fauquier County to wit:

I Daniel Withers Clerk of the County Court of Fauquier in said State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing one has copies of the record made by the County Court of Fauquier on the 28th day of May 1818 and on the 22nd day of June 1818 Touching and concerning the foregoing Declaration of Spencer Edwards as fully and completely as the same now exist among the Record and proceedings of said County Court.

In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the office of the County Court of Fauquier at the Court of said County this 27th day of June 1818 in the 42nd year of the Commonwealth

Dan^l Withers C.F.C.C.

(p9) 22Aug1820 Culpeper County recorded payment instructions for \$8/mo via Richmond Branch of National Bank.

(p12) Elizabeth Edwards widow of Spencer, Va, Act of July 7 1838, married 1788, died 1821 Allow 80 per annum

[Note by Will Graves: Fred has left a good portion of this file documentation untranscribed. If you have a fuller transcription, we'll be glad to add it to Fred's version.]