Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Spencer¹ R18077                        f5VA²
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Acted July 5, 1832
Claim for commutation
Robert W Spencer Son & heir at law of John Spencer deceased
And Ensign or Lieutenant and Virginia State Line in Rev. War
Power of attorney to ascertain if Commutation be due &c.

Know all men by these presents; that I Robert W Spencer of Halifax County in the State of Virginia, Son, of John Spencer, disease, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War, and who continued in service to the end of the War do hereby constitute and appoint James Garden of Charlotte County Virginia my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and a half, and I also authorize said Garden to employ an assistant at his own discretion to prosecute in the United States Court of Claims and before Congress and the Department of the Interior, my claim for a pension for services rendered by my deceased Father, the above mentioned John Spencer in the Revolutionary War. His power of Attorney to be irrevocable for the term of 5 years from date. Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of February 1857.
Witness
S/ E. B. Spencer                        S/ Robert W Spencer, X his mark        {Seal}

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The Virginia State Library online digital collection contains the following document that MAY relate to this veteran:

King William County March 18th 1781, For valuable Consideration I do Assigned a good Right & title to the balance of my pay & bounty of land as a Serj. & Lieut. in the state Artillery from January 1777 including what is due as a Supernumerary officer to this day to William Reynolds for his Assigns.

Given under my hand at the Courthouse in the County above mentioned

Teste
Nathaniel Reynolds                        S/ J. Spencer, Late [?]

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¹ This claim MAY relate to the same veteran as John Spencer W6156
² Va. Half Pay
King William County March 18th 1786

To all to whom these presents shall come.

I do assign my right title to the balance of my pay of bounty of land to the 1st Lieut. of the State Artillery from January 1776, twenty seven including what is due as supplying officers to this day and request a true copy of the same under my hand at the Courthouse of the City above written.

Test.

[Signature]

[Signature]