

SERVICE

NUMBER

*Va.*

*Spencer, William*

*S. 31386*

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Kentucky

William H. ...  
in the State of ...  
who was a ... in the ... commanded  
by Captain ... of the ... commanded  
in the ...

for ...  
\$ 80.00

Enrolled on the Roll of Kentucky  
at the rate of 80 Dollars ...  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1832

Certificate of Pension issued the 10 day of ...  
and ...  
By the ...

... the 1st of ... 240.00  
... allowance ending ... 40.00  
\$ 280.00

Revolutionary Claim  
... June 7, 1832

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On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April - 1834  
personally appears before the County Court of  
Bullitt County in the state of Kentucky William  
Spencer - a Resident of Bullitt County  
State of Kentucky aged twenty three years,  
who being first duly Sworn, according to  
Law, doth on his Oath, make the following  
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit  
of the provision made by the act of Congress,  
passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the  
Service of the United States under the following  
name & Officer and served as herein stated:  
That he was enlisted by Lieutenant John  
Ward as a Private man in the Company  
Commanded by Captain Saml. Sherburne and  
was marched to Hampton, Norfolk Old  
Virginia, being and other places in Virginia &  
at Hampton had a skirmish with the British  
also one at Portsmouth during the year for  
which he enlisted as a Private man he was  
marched from place to place kept in actual  
Service and at the Expiration thereof he was  
discharged in writing by Captain ~~Samuel~~  
Edward Montford as well as he recollects  
he doth not, from the lapse of time & his lack  
of memory recollect the day, month or year  
when he entered the Service or when he was  
discharged by Capt. Montford having lost his  
discharge many years ago. He afterwards, very  
~~shortly after~~ He, about a year  
or half afterwards, enlisted in the Army of  
the United States for the term of three years  
in the Company Commanded by Captain Wil-  
liam Nelson in the 71<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment  
and actually served out the said three  
years being regularly discharged in writing

by Major Richard Lacey of the Army).  
During his service of three years he was marched  
from place to place the way in a Steamboat  
with the British at Norfolk Virginia and  
he was in the Battle at Stony Point under  
the command of Gen. Anthony Wayne.  
Having lost his discharge from the loss of his  
memory he cannot recollect the day, month  
or year on which he entered or the day  
months or year when he was discharged  
but he knows that he served full three  
years under the enlistment aforesaid. He  
also served afterwards several terms of  
duty as a drafted Soldier - man during  
which time he was at the taking of  
Lord Cornwallis at York town Virginia  
but he cannot now recollect how long he  
served as Soldier. He has no documentary  
evidence in his possession proving his  
service for one year as a minute man or  
his three years service in the Regular  
Army. nor does he know of any person  
now living by whom he can prove his  
service and he is now too old & poor to  
go to Virginia to search for proof -  
There is no Clergyman in his neighborhood  
whose certificates he can obtain - He  
hereby relinquishes every claim whatever  
to a Pension or an Annuity except the  
Pension, and he declares that his name is  
not on the Pension Roll of any agency  
in any State. To the Interrogatories pro-  
posed by the Court he makes the follow-  
ing Answers. To the 1<sup>st</sup> He was born in  
King William County State of Virginia on

the 2<sup>d</sup> day of February 1761. To the 2<sup>d</sup> He has a record of his age and has it now at his house to the 3<sup>d</sup>. He was living in Prince Edward County State of Virginia: after the war he lived in Montgomery County, Virginia, & from there he moved about thirty five years ago to the West, and he now lives in Bullitt County, Kentucky.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> He enlisted first for one year as a Minute Man & then he enlisted for three years. To the 5<sup>th</sup> He cannot now recollect more of the regular officers than he has named to wit Capt. James Sherburne, Sergeant and John Blair, Capt. Edward Mansfield, Capt. Williams Nelson, Major Richard James, Hen<sup>l</sup>. Conchery Wayne. He also recollects Capt. Henry Carter of the militia. He cannot recollect the names or number of any regiments except his own or who commanded them. The general circumstances of his service he has already stated as far as he can now recollect. To the 6<sup>th</sup> He did

receive written discharges - one was signed by Capt. Edward Mansfield & the other by Major Richard James. To the 7<sup>th</sup> He is known to General Henry Cist, Col<sup>l</sup> Henry C. M. Cartmell & Jacob Fiddle ~~of his neighbourhood~~ of his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & then believ<sup>ing</sup> as to his service as a Soldier of the Revolutionary ~~War~~ <sup>War</sup> he has subscribed the day and year aforesaid. <sup>his</sup> W. Cartmell <sub>mark</sub>

Henry Cist, Whitley, Fiddle & Henry C. M. Cartmell

Citizens residing in Puttall County State of Ken-  
tucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with William Spencer who has subscribed  
and sworn to the above Declaration; that  
we believe him to be twenty three years of  
age; and that he is reported and believed  
in the neighborhood where he resides, to  
have been a soldier of the Revolution, and  
that the Concern is that Opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year  
afore said

H. Criss

Mr. Overell

Member of the Court

And the said Court do hereby declare their  
Opinion, after the investigation of the matter,  
and after putting the interrogatories prescribed  
by the War Department, that the above  
named Applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier,  
and served as he states. And the Court further  
certifies, that it appears to them that Henry Criss  
Whitledge Overell and Henry C. Overell who  
have signed the preceding Certificate are Residents  
in the County of Puttall and State of Kentucky  
and are credible persons, and that their statement  
is entitled to credit.

I Noah C. Summers Clerk of the Court  
of Puttall County do hereby certify that the pro-  
ceeding contains the original proceedings of the  
said Court in the matter of the said  
Application of William Spencer for a pension  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal of office this  
21<sup>st</sup> of April 1834.

Noah C. Summers

Hon. B. Hardin

William Spencer  
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State of Kentucky S.S.  
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On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834 personally appeared before the County Court of Bullitt County in the State of Kentucky William Spencer who being first duly sworn according to Law and among his declarations made on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1834 in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832 and which declaration is hereto attached - From the great lapse of time and his age & consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment in which he positively swears to having served one year as a Minute man as stated in his original declaration. He cannot recollect the time when he enlisted for three years and he supposes he is mistaken as to the number of the Virginia Regiment in which he served. In making his former declaration he was not questioned as to the name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment of the Virginia line to which he belonged - He now states that he enlisted under Captain William Kelsoe in the Regiment then commanded by Col. Reed - he cannot recollect the Christian name of Col. Reed - He served three years under that enlistment making in all, including the year as a Minute man, four years as a private soldier for which he claims a pension - He served several times as a drafted Militia man but he cannot recollect the periods or lengths of time and therefore he has no claim to a pension on that account for his service as a Militia man - He states that he well recollects that Major Richard James discharged him from service as a Militia man and he was mistaken as to the officer who signed his discharge from his three year service. He cannot recollect who done it.

For the general circumstances of his

of his services as an enlisted soldier of the Revolution he refers to his original Declaration. Those services he cannot prove by any living witness as far as he knows & believes -

Sworn & subscribed the day and  
year aforesaid  
his  
William + Spencer  
witness

Bullitt County Court on Court 16 June 1824

and the Court Certify that the foregoing amended Declaration of William Spencer was subscribed and sworn to in open Court by the said William Spencer, the same person mentioned in the Original Declaration herewith annexed - I Noah C. Summers Clerk of the said Bullitt County Court in the State of Kentucky do hereby Certify that the foregoing contains the Original Proceedings of the amended declaration of the Court in the matter of the application of William Spencer for a pension.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 16 day of June 1824.

Noah C. Summers



WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus, {). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of William Spearman

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1776				Co.	Capt. Sherburne Col.	73 Va.	Traditionary.
1777	3			Co.	Capt. Kelsoe Maj. Jones Col.		

The original declaration should be returned to this office. The name of the Col. should also be given. There was no 7<sup>th</sup> regt. after the cruise line. The applicant is not sufficiently full in his statement of services as required by the regulations which see

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.