

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Uriah Springer and William Harrison R10017

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Fayette County

Pennsylvania Ss Before me one of the Judges of the County Court of Common pleas for the s'd County Personally appeared Uriah Springer aged 64 years who being sworn according to law depose that he entered the service in November 1776 as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Capt. James Hook [company raised in Yohogania County now in Pennsylvania] in the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, and in May 1779 he was commissioned a Captain in the same Reg't. to take rank from the first day of August 1778, by some reduction in the line [on 14 Sep 1778] the Regiment was then denominated the 9<sup>th</sup> Virg'a Regiment, that he continued in the service with the same rank until August 1783 when the regiment was disbanded a Fort Pitt Uriah Springer

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818

[On 16 July 1820 Springer filed a declaration as required under the act of 1820, but the schedule of property did not include his debts. It is not transcribed here, because it adds no additional detail.]

Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania Ss Fourteenth Judicial district

In the court of common plea

On the fifth day of September AD 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record now in Session for the said district Uriah Springer aged sixty six years resident in Fayette county in said district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

That he was appointed to the rank of first Lieutenant in the year 1776 and promoted to the rank of Capt in 1778 that he was in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] &c. that he continued in the service of the United States until the year 1783 when he was discharged. That it was in company of James Hook Capt his first promotion took place under command of Col. William Russell afterwards under command of Col. John Gibson. the Regiment was called the 13<sup>th</sup> while under command of the former and 9<sup>th</sup> the latter – in virginia line and that the date of my original declaration is 28<sup>th</sup> April AD 1818 and the No. of my certificate is No 5468 – And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person 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.

2 Horses	\$90	Uriah Springer Dr.
2 Cows	25	To Cuthbert Wiggins note..... \$300
6 Sheep	9	“ John Gray note..... 104
1 Plow & 2 sets of geers	10	“ Elijah Cropland..... 60
Kitchen furniture	<u>20</u>	“ Dennis Springer. .... 150
	\$154	“ Robert Brown. .... 100
		“ John Dixon..... 30
		“ Alexander Johnston. .... <u>150</u>
		\$894

Uriah Springer

That I am by occupation a farmer and hold a farm of forty five acres (situate in Dunbar township in Fayette county) as tenant at will which farm is now under execution and will not satisfy the demand against it – of course my tenancy will expire on the day of the sale of the same

To the estate of Jacob Beeson dec'd. Judg't.	\$500
ditto ditto in Justice Haddens docket	60
" Martha Spratt Judg't.	<u>17</u>
	\$577

That I am not able to pursue the above mentioned occupation so as to procure my support having undergone much fatigue during my youth. My wife Sarah aged sixty six years very weak and infirm and cannot render me any assistance. My daughter Anna aged thirty one years and Matilda aged twenty nine years who are not more than able to support themselves and who are very sickly and are wholly incapable of rendering me any assistance but the reverse. I have two sons John Harrison and William who are idiots the former aged forty four the latter aged thirty four, both of whom are entirely dependant on me for their support being wholly incapable of ever taking care of themselves and not affording any hopes of their ever being able to support themselves

Sign'd. Uriah Springer

State of Pennsylvania }  
 Fayette County } Ss

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1852 Personally appeared Crawford Springer in open court before the judges of the Common Pleas in and for said State and County  
 And after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and makes this declaration in order to obtain the pention due Sarah Springer as widow as widow of Captain William Harrison (who was an officer in the War of the Revolution) to which she is entitled under the act of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836  
 that the said Sarah was married to the said William Harrison between the years seventeen hundred and seventy and seventeen hundred and seventy five and that she was a pensioner married to Captain Uriah Springer an officer in the war of the revolution and that the said Uriah Springer died in the year eighteen hundred and twenty eight he also declares that he is not familiar with the history of the service of the said Harrison but has always understood from his mother the said Sarah that he served in several capacities in the revolutionary war that he was Quartermaster and Captain and that he was killed in [William] Crawford's Campaign against the Indians in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two [probably on 5 Jun 1782] while serving as captain. He states that the said Sarah Springer was married to the said William Harrison previous to his last period of service to wit at the time afore stated He states that the said Sarah Springer died in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight on the tenth day of November and that he the said Crawford Springer is the acting Executor upon the estate of the said Sarah Springer and is also a lawful heir to her estate and that she died leaving five lawful heirs to wit John Harrison son of William Harrison afforesaid and Crawford Springer Uriah Ann and William Springer  
 Affirmed to and subscribed the day and } [signed] Crawford Springer  
 year first above mentioned in open court }

NOTES: The file includes Uriah Springer's commission as Captain in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment.