Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Spann S9484 Transcribed by Will Graves fn35NC 3/3/11

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: SS

On this __ day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before __ the court of __ now sitting James Spann Senior a resident of the district and State aforesaid, aged seventy-four 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the years of 1776 under Captain James Jones, and served under him and his lieutenant Casimore Medici [Cosmo de Medici, who succeeded Captain Jones in the command of the Company, after he (Jones) resided. That the said company together with two other Companies were raised in North Carolina as a Corps of Cavalry to serve the term of 2 1/2 years. Sometime after his entrance into the service he was placed under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee] at the battle of Fort Moultrie [Sullivan's Island] in Charleston (SC). In the latter part of the year 1776, he was ordered from the South to Philadelphia, at which place he was stationed until it was taken by the British. He marched from that place and cooperated with the main Army at Jermantown [Germantown], and was engaged in the ever memorable battle fought at that place. After that battle he was ordered to little York (Pennsylvania), thence to Carlisle (Pennsylvania) From that place he was ordered to Carolina to convey a number of horses to Colonel Bland, then at Quaker Hill Meeting House, beyond North River. From this time he continued under Colonel Bland until the he had served out 2 1/2 years, the term he enlisted. He was dismissed and received his discharge from Colonel Bland at Quaker Hill Meeting House, and returned home on foot (S. C.).

In 1779 he volunteered in the militia, and served 4 months in a Campaign on an expedition to Augusta under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. In all of this service performed by him in the Revolution, in a mounted to two years and ten months.

He further states, that he was born in Northampton County, North Carolina, and it was at Halifax of the same state where he enlisted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/J B Earle, Presiding Judge

S/ James Spann, X his mark

[Philip B Bowen, a clergyman, and Reuben Long gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Sumter District: Personally appeared before me John Ballard one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in and for the District aforesaid Charles span Senior and Richard Spann, who being duly sworn saith that they are the brothers of the within named James Spann Senior who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration, and that these deponents believe his the said James Spann Senior's declaration to be correct.

Sworn to before made this 18th of September 1832

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S/ John Ballard, JP

[Facts in file: Veteran married Annie, or Anna Jennings, date not stated; veteran died January 29, 1833; his widow died June 26, 1838 leaving the following children: William T., Tyre (or Tiry J.), Anna (or Annie) wife of Robert E. Yates, Lawrence M., Timothy, Maria wife of George H Cathcart, Mary, James B., Harriet G wife of Walker Watson (their children were Mildred, Sarah, James and Albina) and Charles G. (whose children were James, Samuel, Regina and Lawrence).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]