Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Witherspoon W1685	Mary	fn65 ¹ SC
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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this the 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me John Crosswell one of the Justices of the Quorum for said district & State David Witherspoon who being prevented from making his application or declaration for a pension in open court by reason of bodily infirmity make the following declaration before me a Justice of the quorum as aforesaid in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he was born in Williamsburgh district, South Carolina 24 March 1760, that his age is recorded in his father's family Bible which is in his possession. That he was called into service when living in Williamsburgh district -- that in 1787 he removed to Sumpter district where he has since lived. In 1779 he was drafted & served as a private one tour of 6 months. Colonel Mayhem or Bigham [sic, probably Colonel Hezekiah Maham] was Colonel, & William McDaniels was also one of the Colonels, and so was Archibald McDonald -- Major McCaskill & John James were the Majors. James Witherspoon was my Captain. In last of '79 or first of '80 we went to Charleston and were there during the siege of that city. We were marched to Charleston by Colonel Horry. In this said term he served six months -- was then paroled.

Early in the spring of 1781 he volunteered in the Company of Captain Witherspoon. We had a skirmish at halfway swamp on Santee -- one and also at the lower bridge in Williamsburgh -- had a severe one at Parker's Ferry on the Edisto -- Was at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] where I fought as I did in the said skirmishes. To the belief of applicant thinks in 1781 -- he served nine months. In the year 1782 -- he volunteered again under Captain Witherspoon. He was appointed a first Lieutenant and received his commission as such. The commission he has misplaced. In this last tour of 1782 he served as a Lieutenant six months. Was on scouting duty -- had several skirmishes, -- was continually on duty with the company, but from loss of memory cannot state with precision the particulars of his duty on this said last tour. He was discharged in camp on South side of Santee -- did not receive a written discharge. Served actively in all, twenty-one months at least.

Was engaged in no civil public pursuit while in the Army -- what time he was at home, he followed the reed [?] making business. Sumter & Marion were the chief officers of the military with which he served.

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Sworn & subscribed to the day & year first above written before me S/ John Crosswell, UQ S/ David Witherspoon [Stephen Lacoste & John Fleming gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 38: on February 17, 1849 in Sumter district South Carolina, Mary S. Witherspoon, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of David Witherspoon, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him more than 10 years after the War; that he has been dead more than 13 years; that she married him on July 10, 1794; that her husband died April 21st 1835.]

[fn p. 91: family Record]

Marriages

David Witherspoon married to Elizabeth Bradley in December 1787 David Witherspoon married to Mary Storey on July 10 1794 Moses Witherspoon married to Faney Ellis the 23rd of November 1809 John Laverly married to Sarah Storey 29 April 1782 Moses Witherspoon married to Hariet ? [illegible first name] Willson October [illegible] 1811 David Durant married to Matilda Witherspoon the 12th of February 1815 John Witherspoon was married Ann E. Williams the 4th of December 1821 Births David Witherspoon was born the 24 March 1760 Moses Witherspoon born 6 March 1790 Elizabeth B. Witherspoon born 15 September 1793 Maray Storey born 9 August 1778 Sarah Witherspoon born 23rd October 1795 Jennet Witherspoon born for May 1797 Matilda Witherspoon born 5 [could be 3] November 1798 John Witherspoon born 29 December 1800 Jeames Witherspoon born 30 December 1802 Selino Weatherspoon born 24 March 1806 David Witherspoon born 15 April 1808 Molsey born 31 January 1810 Faney Ellis born the 8 of September 1792

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South Carolina Sumter District: Personally appeared before me CL Witherspoon who on oath saith that the above family record is in the hand writing of his Father the late David Witherspoon & he died in April 1835.

Deponent further swears that the record above annexed from the family Bible of his father and since the death of his Father said record has been in the possession of his Mother and her family. Deponent is a son of Mary S. Witherspoon widow of Lieutenant David Witherspoon. Sworn to before me this 27th of February 1849

S/J. W. Stuckey, Magistrate

S/ Charles L. Witherspoon

[fn p. 555: on February 26, 1849, Sarah Whilden, 70, gave testimony in Sumter County that she was present and saw Mrs. Mary AS Witherspoon married to David Witherspoon; they were

married by the Reverend Joseph Stevenson, a Presbyterian minister.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$67.78 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831.]