Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Spillsby Gregory S10775 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. VA

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Spillsby Gregory of Kentucky in the county of Fayette in the State of [blank] do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination [22 Apr 1783]; at which period, I was a private in Captain Thomas Minor's [pension application W5374] Company, in the 3^d Va Regiment, of the Continental Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States & never have been

Witness my hand, this 20th day of Dec'r., in the year 1828 Spillsby hisXmark Gregory

State of Kentucky } Sct.

The affidavit of William Schooler [S46344] taken before me William Clarke [sic: Clark] County } Hickman a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid. This affiant by way of amendment to his affidavit taken before David Hampton a Justice of the Peace for Clarke County on the 25th day of March 1831 states that he is well acquainted with Spillsby Gregory of the County of Spencer and State aforesaid and has known him since the year 1765 at which time this affiant lived in the Colony now State of Virginia, this Affiant states in most positive and unequivocal terms, that the aforesaid Spillsby Gregory was enlisted by him as a Sargant for and during the war in the month of October in the year 1778 in Fredericksburg Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Minor in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Taylor in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued in service until the termination of the war of the Revolution, when he was discharged about the month of June in the year 1782 in Bowling green in the state of Virginia at which time this Affiant states he was in the Company and under the Command of Capt Thos Minor in the Regiment win Whooden Commanded by Colonel John Taylor

Given under my hand this 12th day of May 1831.

[On 28 March 1831 Isaac Farrell (S35920) made a similar statement.]

State of Kentucky } Sct. County of Spencer }

On this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky now sitting, Spillsby Gregory a resident in the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration (by way of amendment to his original and amendatory Declaration heretofore made) For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An act for the relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828, that he the said Spillsby Gregory did enlist in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war and continued in service until its termination; at which period he was a Serjeant, he states that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 in the month of October as well as he now recollects in the Company Commanded by Capt'n Minor in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia Continental line, commanded by Colonel Taylor, he states that from the best of his recollection he served under Capt'n. Minor about two years after he was

enlisted, and was then transferred & placed under the command of one Capt'n. Buckner either George Buckner or Thomas Buckner he cant recollect which, but is pretty confident he was placed under the command of one Capt'n. Buckner; as Capt'n Minors term of Service had expired, or from some other cause to him unknown, said Minor having relinquished the command; but of this his memory does not serve him, so as to state it for a fact, he only give his best impressions. He states he was discharged from the Service aforesaid in the month of June or July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three in or at a place called Bowling Green in the State of Virginia. And he also declares that he afterwards received a certificate for the reward of Eighty Dollars to which he was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And he further Declares that he was not on the 15th day of March 1828 on the pension List of the United States. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid Spillsby hisXmark Gregory

[The following is from rejected-claims in the Library of Virginia. Some online images are illegible.]

To the Executive of Virginia

The Petition of Spillsby Gregory respectfully represents

That the accompanying Document [a copy of his 1832 declaration above] shews that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 for and during the war, and continued in service until its termination – for which he has as yet not received the remuneration provided by his County – he therefor prays the Executive to take his case into their consideration and make such order on his behalf as will seem to be right.

And your Petitioner will &c March 20 1833

Spillsby Gregory by Counsel

NOTES:

On 26 June 1830 Spillsby Gregory made another application for a federal pension in which he stated that he was also called William Gregory. In some copies of documents his name is spelled Spittsby Gregory. Gregory also made several other applications under the act of 1828. All were denied, because according to Schooler and Farrell he did not serve to the end of the war. Under the act of 1832 Gregory received a pension certificate dated 8 Dec 1832.

Among <u>bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia</u> are other papers relating to Spillsby Gregory, but the online images are illegible.