Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Spencer S39849 VA
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Virginia Henry County Sct

On this twelfth day of February 1827, personally appeared in open court Moses Spencer resident of said county 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 provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and the 1st day of May 1820, that he the said Moses Spencer enlisted for the term of three years on the 8th of October in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain William Smith in the regiment Commanded by Colo. [William] Woodford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment That he continued to serve in said Corps for about six months when he was transfered to Morgans [Col. Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment in which regiment he served out the ballance of the term of his enlistment and was discharged in the City of Philadelphia on the day of [blank]. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not having made earlier application for a Pension, that his discharge was in the hands of a friend in the western country and for some time supposed to be lost and until very recently he was deprived of that and other evidence of his services. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1821 I do solemnly swear that I was a Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale, or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring my self within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Navel service of the United States in the revolutionary War passed on the 18th of March 1818 That I have no property of any description whatever but am supported by the benevolence and charity of the public and an indigent connection, that I have not, nor has any person for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income nor has there been any change in my property since the 18th March 1818

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that the administrator of the estate of Moses Spencer received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 20 Aug 1842.