

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Uriah Springer R10017 Sarah Springer VA
 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 8 Nov 2018.

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 deposeth that he entered the service in November 1776 as a Lieutenant in the Company commanded by Capt. James Hook [S39713] [company raised in Yohogania County now in Pennsylvania] in the 13th 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 9th 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 28th 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 to the application that follows.]

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 [BLWt1849-500] afterwards under command of Col. John Gibson [S41578]. the Regiment was called the 13th while under command of the former and 9th the latter – in virginia line and that the date of my original declaration is 28th 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 18th 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 18th 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	20	“ Dennis Springer	150
	<u>\$154</u>	“ Robert Brown.	100
		“ John Dixon	30
Uriah Springer		“ Alexander Johnston	<u>150</u>
			\$894

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 6th 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 pension due Sarah Springer as widow as widow of Captain William Harrison [R10017] (who was an officer in the War of the Revolution) to which she is entitled under the act of July 4th 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 }

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do Certify that Capt Uriah Springer of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 19th day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service
 Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783
 Jno Gibson Colo

I do Certify that Capt Benjamin Biggs [W1366] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 27th day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo.

I do Certify that Lieutenant John Harrison [VAS1417] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 16th day of December 1776 and that the yet continues in Actual Service Given under m hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo.

I do Certify that Lieutenant Jacob Springer [S40495] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 16th day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo.

I do Certify that Lieutenant Jacob Colman [S35848] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 21st December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo

I do Certify that Lieutenant John Mills [W5378] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 21st day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of march 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo.

I do Certify that Lieutenant Joseph Winlock [W3060] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 1st day of February 1777 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo

I do Certify that Lieutenant Josiah Tannehill [W8777] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 6th day of August 1779 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo

I do Certify that Lieutenant Henry Dawson [BLWt601-200 and VAS819] of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 16th day of December 1776 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo

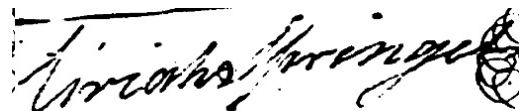
I do Certify that Lieutenant John Gibson of the Virginia Continental Line Entered into the Service of the united States on the 1st day of October 1780 and that he yet continues in Actual Service Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1783/ Jno Gibson Colo

I do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with capt. Uriah Springer who served in the seventh Virginia Ridgement. his enterance into the service was prior to the 15th of Nov'r 1776 & he continued to the close of the war. I enterd into the army at the same time & in consideration of my services I receiv'd my 7th years additional bounty of land Given under my hand this 14 of Jan'y 1800
Benj'n Biggs/ Late Capt. Virg'a Line.

NOTES:

The federal pension file includes Uriah Springer's commission as captain, but it is not legible enough for transcription.

On 2 Nov 1799 a power of attorney to collect the bounty-land warrant was signed by Uriah Springer as shown:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Uriah Springer", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.