

Pension Application for Jacob Spicer

W.16735 (Widow: Sarah) Married May 1, 1783 at NobleTown. Jacob died on May 9, 1824. Sarah died on the 30th day of August 1840, Town of Lisle, County of Broome. Surviving children: James E. Spicer, Meeker Spricer, Jacob Spicer, Robert and his wife Susanna Stack, Lysender Swan and his wife Anna.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

At a court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in Kingston in and for the County of Ulster being a court of record proceeding according according [sic] to the course of the common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount—keeping a record of the proceedings in the Term of July 1820.

Lucas Elmendorf, First Judge, present.

Jonathan Dubois & Jacob Trumpbon Junr, Judges, present.

On this fifth day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, Jacob Spicer of the Town of Shendaken in the County of Ulster aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth declare as follows that he enlisted in Captain Jonathan Titus' Company and Coll Phillip VanCortland's Regiment of New York Troops in the Army of the revolution sometime in or about the year 1777 for and during the war and served six years and five months and was regularly discharged at the close of the war on or about the 30th of June 1783. That I made my first declaration for a pension on the seventh day of May 1818. The Certificate of which is dated the 30th of June 1881. L And I the said Jacob Spicer do further swear and declare that I was a citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not—since that time by gift or sale or in any other manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed 18th March 1818 and I have not neither has any person in trust for me any properties 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.

A schedule containing the whole real estate and income of Jacob Spicer a Pensioner under the act entitled an act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Real Estate I have none.

Income I have none except my pension.

I live on land of Freeborn Garrison about 23 acres as sufferance paying no rent, and having no lease. I possess a pair of small stags 5 years old \$40.00, one cow \$12, 2 yearling steers not paid for \$10, 5 [shoats?] \$10, 7 sheep \$6, one old wagon \$10, one broken [???] \$2.50, 1 plough and harrow \$5, 1 wooden clock \$3, 3 augers, 1 hand saw & shaving knife \$4, household furniture in value \$10, one scythe and two axes \$3. (Signed) Jacob Spicer.

I do further depose that I have no occupation or trade, but have theretofore been a day labourer for my support and am very much crippled and diseased with a severe Rheumatic complaint which incapacitates me from [?] myself by my own industry. That I have a family consisting of a wife named Sarah aged sixty one years how has been feeble and unable to support herself by labour for the last thirty years and until I received my pension have been in part sustained by charity. I have two orphan children of my deceased son James Spicer dependent on me and supported by me one of whom is named Sally Spicer aged about two years the other named Jacob aged about seven months who are attended and in part supported by the labour of another granddaughter living with me names Elmire Spicer of the age of nine years together with the labour of a grandson living with me named John Manier aged nine years without whom and my pension I would be wholly unable to support myself and family (Signed) Jacob Spicer

Sworn and Subscribed in open court the fifth of July 1820 before me. Lucas Elmendorf, first Judge.

Letter dated September 23, 1913, responding to a request for information.

In response to your letter dated the 1st and received the 4th instant, you are advised that you were furnished the record of Jabez Spicer Revolutionary War pensioner sur. File No. 42,364, on August 5, 1913, and in that record it was stated that there was no data on file as to his family.

In the Revolutionary War pension claim W. File No. 16,735 of Jacob and Sarah Spicer, it appears that in 1843, their son James R. resided in Middletown, Delaware County, New York, Son Meeker in Lisle, Broome County, New York; daughter Susannah and her husband Robert Slack lived in Middletown, New York; daughter Anna and her husband Lysander Swan in Middletown, New York, and son Jacob in Butternuts, Otsego County, New York.

In February 1841, what purported to be left from the family Bible of Jacob Spicer, was sent to the Pension Bureau, but it was forwarded in April 1841, to the United States District Attorney for the Northern District of New York, for investigation, as it was suspected of being fabrication of the agent who filed the claim, and not the original family record; it was never returned to this bureau or accepted as authentic.

The dates of birth of the children, as shown on a copy of said paper, are as follows:

Jacob Spicer, Jr. born April 2, 1784.

Susan Spicer born June 4, 1786.

Meeker Spicer born September 8, 1768.

James Spicer born June 8, 1790.

Anna Spicer born June 10, 1794.

Letter dated October 11, 1924, responding to a request for information.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16735, it appears that Jacob Spicer enlisted in Dutchess County, New York, in March 1777, and served as a private in Captain Jonathan Titus' Company, Colonels Livingston's and Philip Van Cortlandt's New York Regiments, was at the capture of Burgoyne, in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, and at the surrender of Cornwallis, and was discharged June 30, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 7, 1818, while a resident of Shanaken, Ulster County, New York, aged 61 years. He died May 9, 1824.

He married in May 1783, at Nobletown (later Hillsdale) Columbia County, New York, Sarah, the daughter of Robert Meeker. She died at Lisle, Broome County, New York, August 30, 1841, and the pension due her was allowed March 15, 1843, to their children, James R., Meeker, Jacob, Susannah, wife of Robert Slack, and Anna, wife of Lysander Swan.

Utica, NY May 21, 1841

Hon. J. L. Edwards, com. of Pensions

Sir, I by [?] to inform you that the Circuit Court of the U.S. for the Northern District of NY in to beheld at Canandaigua on the twenty second day of June next—if the case of the fraud attempted in the application of Mrs. Spicer for a pension is to be prosecuted, would it not be well to present it to the Grand Jury then to be [?]. The case must be tried at Albany as the offence was committed in the Eastern Division of the District, but the indictment may be found any where in the Dist. the Dept will not probably be able to try the case at the time when he is indicted & unless the matter if presented at June the trial will probably go off till October 1842. This great delay will increase the difficulty of exposing the fraud. Very respectfully, Your obt. Servt. J. A. Spencer U.S. Atty