

## Pension Application for William M. Spingger or Springer

R.10018

State of New York

Cattaraugus County SS.

On the twentieth day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court—before the judges of the Court before Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Cattaraugus and State of New York now sitting William M. Springer now a resident of the town of Randolph, County and State aforesaid aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make make [sic] the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the town of New Castle County of WestChester & State of New York in the year 1763 as recorded in his Father's Bible. That on the tenth of April 1778 he volunteered as a private in the New York Malitia under Lieutenant Daniel Bowton, Captain Samuel Delevan and Colonel Timothy Benedict, we were marched to Croton Creek or River, Harlem Heights and White Plans where I was one of a small number who killed fourteen of the British, and what were called Horse thieves, who had surrounded Wards House at White Plains, the next morning after they had killed the fourteen, they went to examin[e] and take care of them, one of our company Franchor—discovered one of those killed to be his uncle who had joined the British and immediately took up a large stone and with an oath dashed it onto his head; we had but little to do; was in some small skirmishes—and was dismissed on the twelfth or thirteenth of October 1778, having served six months. He then lived in Salem WestChester County New York. Had no written discharge.

On or about the first day of May 1779 I volunteered as a private in the New York State Malitia under Captain Jesse Smith and Colonel Samuel Drake and marched to West Point staid a short time and proceeded to Tappan Bay and staid about four weeks; then marched back to West Point on the Hudson River, thence to Fishkill Barracks and to Fort Edward where we remained until the seventh or eighth day of November 1779 being six months service. While at Fort Edward a Drummer Fifer and a private of our regiment took a walk out of the Fort something like a mile or two and were surprised by three Indians (as they supposed) They ran for the fort but the Private (Ostrander) was overtaken and instantly cut all to peases [pieces]—the Musicians [musicians] arrived at the fort gave the alarm when and number of us under Lieutenant Berry went in pursuit of them and soon succeeded in taking them and found one of them to be a white man painted and an old neighbor of my fathers whom I recognized and whom the Lieutenant ordered hung on a tree on the spot. His name was Palma and had joined the enemy.

On the seventh day of March 1780 I enlisted in a 2d regiment New York State Troops under Capt. Isaac Smith, Colonel Philip VanCourtland and General James Clinton ;and Major Rosencrantz for three years—we marched to West Point on the Hudson River staid about two months worked on the Fort and Redoubts & did duty on guard &c. Then we went to Fiskill Barracks and remained about four weeks then again to West Point staid a few days and went through Haverstraw on the North River to a place called Pumpton in New Jersey to Trenton where we staid very short time and marched to what was called the English Neighborhood, staid a few days and marched to Tappen Bay staid a few weeks & and [sic] marched to West Point which was I think about the last of October 1780 where we staid until the first of May 1781 when we started to go south, I went with the regiment about twenty miles was taken sick with the camp distemper staid about three weeks was so recovered that I followed on after the army by Belevedean Elizabethtown Trenton &c. and [sic] joined them at Yorktown in Virginia in July but when arrived there was too unwell to do duty but little, and most of the time was sick and wholly unable to do duty at all and was taken by Nicholas Burgy who obtained liberty of my Colonel to take me to his home where I staid and was nursed and docterd [doctored] about one mile and a half off until the army, after the surrender of Cornwallace [Cornwallis] in October 19<sup>th</sup> started on their return when I came with them through Maryland Delaware and New Jersey to Stonney Point on the East side of the Hudson River in the State of New York when I staid until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1781 at which time

my father (having heard of my arrival at that place and out of health) Major Isaac Springger, came and obtained my discharge. My father took my discharged and kept it until it was lost—I took no care of it not thinking it would ever be of any use to me. I served at this time not less than twenty months and twenty days. I lived in Philipstown.

I well knew Generals Putman, Green, [?] and General Washington and many others. I suffered extremely on my march from Yorktown being so much out of health. The deponent further saith he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services and he doth hereby relinquish every annuity whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of the United States and that Frederick Samples & David Salsbury of Randolph will testify as to my character. Since he left the army he has lived in Philipstown, Long Island, New York City, Beverkill, Ulster County NY, Vernon New Jersey, then in Chenango, County of Broom, New York [?] Williamson Wayne County then in Farmersville Cattaraugus County then in Randolph where I now live and have lived for seven years. I have not served less than the time before mentioned. (Signed) William M. Spingger

Subscribed and sworn in open court this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 before me Israel Day a Judge Catteraugus Com Pleas.

Letter dated July 15, 1936, replying to a letter of inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the names of the parents of your great-grandmother, Anna Spring, who married Jesse Chew. You state that the Census of New Jersey during the period which she lived is missing, which makes your search difficult, so you desire that the Revolutionary War pension records be searched under the surname Springer as a possible source of information.

The Revolutionary War pension records of all Springers have been searched in your behalf and the record found of one Spring, only, who served in the New Jersey troops, that of Jacob. Another was found of a William M. Spingger (or Springger) who served in the New York troops and at some time subsequent to his service, lived in Vernon, New Jersey, but in his claim for pension, R.10018 he did not give the names of any children. Another was found of a Uriah Springer, who had a daughter Anna; his record and that of Jacob Spring of New Jersey are furnished you herewith. No other Springer pension record revealed the name of a daughter Anna (Ann), nor was the name Jesse Chew shown in any Revolutionary War Springer pension record.

It is hoped that these two records will aid you in some way in your research.