

ABSTRACTS FROM THE JOHN K. MARTIN PAPERS
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William Spicknall. All correspondence was from Laurenceburgh, Indiana, signed by William Patterson, dated September, October and December 1855. William Spicknall was of Dearborn County, Indiana and made application for bounty land through his attorney, E. Dumont. He was drafted at the beginning of the war of 1812 at Winchester, Virginia. He thinks his colonel was Griffin Taylor and Lt Shipp comanded his company. His claim was rejected because there were no records of his company on file in Washington.

John Spronce (or Sprouce). One letter only dated 27 October 1853, University of Virginia, from William Wertenbaker, relative to John Sprouce's service as a cook in Capt. T. T. Estes' company which was stationed most of the time at Camp Carter and Hobbs Hole (now Tappahannock). "The Spronce family are very numerous in this county. He is a man of property and has no connection with those of his name who live in the Ragged Mountains. He resides on top of the Southwest Mountain (commonly called Little Mountain) near Stony Point.

James Stamper. Letter, Richmond, Virginia, August 1880, signed by M. J. Stamper, wife of James, stated that he was raised in Middlesex County. He served in the 109th Regiment.

Elihu Staunton. Deposition of Mary E. Staunton, a resident of the City of Richmond, dated 22 August 1857, declared she is the daughter of Elihu Staunton, deceased, who was a private in the company of Captain William H. Richardson of the Virginia militia commanded by Thomas Mann Randolph. Elihu Staunton volunteered in Richmond on 26 August 1814. She also stated, "as the next friend of her brother, Thomas Elihu Stanton who is a minor, for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land. . . ." Her mother was Maria Laseter before her marriage on the 27 of November 1813. They had:

Robert P.	Maria S.
Elihu H.	Mary E.
Elizabeth G.	Thomas
Sam'l P.	

Of these children five are dead and three living. These are Maria Staunton, born 6 May 1827; Mary Ellen, born 22 December 1830; and Thomas Elihu born 18 October 1836. Her mother died on 18 March 1839 and her father died 2 January 1842. A letter from Baltimore, Maryland signed by M. A. Staunton stated she had taken the name of Mrs Morton (but was not married to him).

University of Virginia Oct 27th 1853

Dear Sir

I have a very distinct recollection of the John Sprouce who served with me in Capt J. V. Estes' Company - He was cook for my mess the whole time I was in service - He may have been drafted in Capt Rothwells Company and immediately after arriving in camp transferred along with others into that of Capt Estes - We were stationed most of the time at Camp Carter, and our Company formed part a detachment sent to Hobbs Hole (Cappahannock) in pursuit of the enemy - We were never at Norfolk - never in an engagement - none of our Company were ever wounded - nor did I ever hear Mr Sprouce speak of having served at Norfolk - tho' this he may have done & I have forgotten it - The Sprouce family are very numerous in this County - and the one applying to you may not be the one with whom I served - At home he lived in Capt Rothwells Melba bounds. (I mean my acquaintance) - he still lives in the same neighborhood, is a man of some property, and has no connection or intercourse with those of his name who reside mostly in what is termed the Rugged Mountains and are very degraded - You may rely fully upon any thing that my friend John Sprouce may say - I saw him about 18 months ago and if I am not mistaken he informed me that

his claim for bounty land was in the hands of (I think)
Drury Wood a lawyer in Charlotterville - and I promised
him if he should find it necessary to render him any
gratuitous aid in my power - He never has called on
me, and I know that there would not and ought not
to be the least difficulty in establishing his claim - He
resides on top of the South West Mountains (commonly called
Little Mountains) near Stony Point - It is impossible
for me at this time after the lapse of so many years to
remember the names of all the Captains from Albemarle -
I was but a boy at the time and served as a volunteer -
I will name some of them, Estes - Polkwell - McCulloch -
Woods - J. (Th. Wood) Carr - ^{W.} Shield - What part of the
County does your man live in? I remember Thomas
Rippato. Dicke. Snow and Gardner as members of our
company - If it is really my friend you have got hold
of he ought by all means to get his land -

In haste your friend

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