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THE ALABAMA SOCIETY
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

-OF-

ALBERT MARTIN BIVENS

DESCENDANT OF

WILLIAM SPREER

Who served with North Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary War.

Application examined and approved

March 3, 1950

Wm. T. Carpenter

State Registrar

Accepted by the State Board of Management

March 5, 1950

Wm. T. Carpenter

State Secretary

DATES

Application filed with State Secretary..... March 3, 1950

Notification of election.....

Fees paid..... February 27, 1950

Duplicate sent to Registrar General..... March 4, 1950

Approved and registered by Registrar General..... MAR 7 1950

Certificate of Membership delivered..... MAR 31 1950

Badge delivered.....

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 1, 1950

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE **ALABAMA** SOCIETY
OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, **ALBERT MARTIN BIVENS** being of the age of **69** years
hereby apply for membership in this Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from
WILLIAM SPERR
who was born in **Maryland** **Gardendale** on the **warm weather** of **1758**
and died in **Jefferson Co., Ala., near** on the **1** day of **1859**
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in **near Brookside** County of **Jefferson**
Alabama **3rd** day of **October** **1880**
State of **Alabama** on the **3rd** day of **October** **1880**

(1) I am the son of **James Allen Bivens** born **10/26/1829** died **6/18/1917** and
his wife **Mary Catherine Young** born **7/6/1835** died **9/10/1917** married **2/23/1854**

(2) grandson of **Martin Young** born **1810** died **4/27/1880** and
his wife **Lucinda Speer** born **7/12/1812** died **4/7/1880** married **8/9/1832**

(3) great-grandson of **William Speer, Jr.** born **1788** died **ca. 1812** and
his wife **Patience Speer (cousin)** born **ca. 1810** married **ca. 1810**

(4) great-grandson of **William Speer** born **1758** died **1859** and
his wife **Millie Eastep** born **1850** married **1781**

(5) great-grandson of **Rev. Joshua Kennerly Speer, I.** born **1781** died **1850** and
his wife **? (she was a Quakeress)** born **1781** married **1850**

(6) great-grandson of **Aaron Speer** born **1781** died **1850** and
his wife **Sarah Kennerly** born **1781** married **1850**

(7) great-grandson of **Moses Speer, II** born **1680** died **1850** and
his wife **Anna Voris** born **1680** married **1850**

(8) great-grandson of **Moses Speer, I.** born **1680** died **1850** and
his wife **Anna Voris** born **1680** married **1850**

and he, the said **William Speer** (No. **4**) is the ancestor who assisted in
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of **Private and Design of**
North Carolina Troops.

Applicant affirms his adherence to the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and his unqualified support of the Constitution of the United States of America, to the end that the inalienable rights of the citizen may be preserved and our ideal representative government perpetuated.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"Section 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 3, 1907, and as amended.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor, and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership dues, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

..... WILLIAM SPEER was born on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1758, son of Reverend Joshua Kemnerly Speer, I., and his wife, who was a Quakeress. He had two brothers who served with North Carolina Troops, during the Revolution, Captain Henry Speer and Colonel Samuel Speer.

..... His home was in Surry Co., N.C., during the Revolutionary War.

When he first volunteered and was accepted for service, he was so young that his Captain proposed to his father that he furnish a pack horse for the service and that William remain at home. This was done. Later he served a tour of three months in Capt. Samuel Maseby's Company, Col. Joseph William's Regiment or Battalion of N. C. Militia.

..... In 1780 he enlisted and served three months as Ensign in the company of his brother, Captain Henry Speer, Col. Joseph Phillips' N.C. Regiment or Battalion. He enlisted in the fall of 1781 and served three months as Private in Captain David Humphries' Company of Col. James Martin's N. C. Regiment.

He removed to Kentucky in 1801 and lived there until 1824, when he removed to Alabama where he lived until his death in Jefferson County in 1859, at the age of 101 years, 6 months and 20 days. He is buried in the Bivens Chapel Cemetery, on the old Jasper Road and in sight of the Southern Railway tracks between Republic and Brookside, Ala. The D.A.R. has placed a marker on his tomb. His name is inscribed on a boulder erected at Five Points in Birmingham, Ala., by the General Sumter Chapter, D.A.R. The William Speer Chapter, D.A.R. of Birmingham, Ala., was so named in his honor.

He was allowed a pension for his services on his application executed February 12, 1856, Certificate No. 33361 issued August 12, 1856, at \$25.00 per annum from March 4, 1831.

REFERENCES: Vol. 20, File No. 5, 11445 Pension Record. Revolutionary and 1812 Section U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pension Claims 11445. Information by Winfield Scott, Commes. History of Birmingham (Alabama) and its Environs, a Narrative Account of Their Principal Interests, by George Cruikshanks, Vol. I, Chapter XVII, page 325.

The Alabama Historical Quarterly, by State Department of Archives and History, Vol. 6, No. 4, Winter Issue 1944, pp. 649-650.

Land Records of Surry Co., N.C., and Jefferson Co., Ala.

Records in Family Bible of William and Millie Speer.

Tombstone inscriptions, Bivens Chapel Cemetery; the Crumley Chapel Cemetery; and the Edwards Cemetery, all in Jefferson Co., Ala.

S.A.R. Nationals 71482 and 71497. D.A.R. Lineage 249054 of Mrs. Gertrude W. Jeffries.

Full maiden name of applicant's wife... **Hannie Elizabeth Smith** born 5/18/1882 married 8/12/1918

NAMES OF CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF APPLICANT.
(Added to blank by order of Trustees. July, 1915.)

Name	Date of Birth	Residence
George Allen Bivens	7/20/1920	51 High Street West Orange, N.J.

Statement of applicant of services, if any, in the Military or Naval forces of the United States of America.

NONE

The following are references to the authorities for the record of my ancestor's service and for the genealogical data contained in this application:

S.A.R. Nationals 71482 and 71497

D.A.R. Lineage 249054

See page 3.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society:

Wm. T. Carpenter
Allen Sales

Signature of applicant, (Name in full).

Albert Martin Bivens
Address, **Albert Martin Bivens**
2604 - 18th Avenue, North,
Occupation, **Birmingham, Ala.**
Business - Cleaning Concern

The following form of acknowledgment is required

STATE OF **Alabama** }
COUNTY OF **Jefferson** } ss: **March 1, 1920**

Personally appeared **Mr. Albert Martin Bivens**

of Birmingham, Alabama
signer of the above and foregoing application and statement, and made oath before me that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Official Signature,

James B. Bivens

Notary

[L.S.]

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970 for William Speer

Record Index

Name: William Speer Jr
Birth Date: 1788
Birth Place:
Death Date: 1812
Death Place:
SAR Membership: 71500
Role: Ancestor
Application Date: 5 Mar 1950
Father: William Speer
Mother: Millie Eastep
Spouse: Patience Speer
Children: Lucinda Speer

Source Information

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