

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Shaver¹ R17776

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Abingdon November 3rd 1855

Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir,

You will no doubt recollect from the record the application of Michael Shaver in right of his Father Ensign Michael Shaver, who was killed in Gates Defeat, for seven years half pay, that case has lain a long time on hand, and in consequence of [words too faint to discern] the result in the department, I Requested Mr. R. H. Gallaher to take the case before Congress, a year ago, It has not yet been done, all the papers were filed, and if Mr. Gallaher has not withdrawn the papers, I would be pleased if the Department would act on the case, the case is a plain and clear 1. If you will turn to the Resolution of Congress of 15th May 1778, the Case is clearly established and we pray it may be granted, in truth it all to be.

I am Dear Sir

Your Obedient Servant

J. W. Stevens

If the papers have been withdrawn, If not asking too much, where you have them returned to the pension Office for action.

Abingdon January 24th 1857

Commissioner of Pensions

Dear Sir,

I beg to know if the Declaration and proof of Michael, Son of Ensign Michael Shaver, who was killed in Gates Defeat, are on file in the Pension Office, Mr. Shaver made application for seven Years Half Pay under Act of 1780, in right of his Father, and really [?], I at this moment forget, whether I sent the papers to the pension Office or to the Honorable McMullin² to bring

¹ Va. Half-Pay

² Perhaps a mistaken reference to

McMULLEN, Fayette, a Representative from Virginia; born in Estellville (now Gate City), Scott County, Va., May 18, 1805; attended private schools; State driver and teamster; member of the State senate 1839-1849; elected as a Democrat to the Thirty-first and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1849-March 3, 1857); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Department of the Navy (Thirty-second and Thirty-third Congresses), Committee on Expenditures on Public Buildings (Thirty-fourth Congress); delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1852 and 1856; Governor of Washington Territory 1857-1861; elected as a Representative from Virginia to the Second Confederate Congress and served to the end of the Confederacy; engaged in agricultural pursuits and banking; was killed by a train in Wytheville, Va., November 8, 1880; interment in Round Hill Cemetery, Marion, Va.
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000578>

the case before Congress, If I sent them to him, I will ask a withdrawal, for the purpose of submitting them at your Office. I sent the papers probably two years ago, and omitted in my entry to whom sent.

I am Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servant
J. W. Stevens

From the Washington County, Va., Minute Book #11, page 81

August 24, 1853

Judges present: John Eakin, Abram F. Bradley and Reuben Widener

Gent: Michael Shaver, son and one of the heirs of Michael Shaver deceased, personally appeared in court and subscribed and made oath to a declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the resolutions and act of Congress passed in the year 1783, wherein it is provided, that if an officer is killed or dies in the line of duty, his heirs may claim and obtain seven years half pay and claim and obtain one hundred fifty acres of bounty land. And the Court doth certify that they believe the said Michael Shaver to be the son and one of the heirs of Michael Shaver, deceased, who was an Ensign in the war of the Revolution and killed at the Battle of Camden in the year 1780. And the Court doth further certify that David Shaver who lately resided in the County of Sullivan, State of Tennessee is also a son of the said Michael Shaver, deceased, and that the said Michael and David are the only two children of the said Michael Shaver, deceased who are now living.
S/ Wm. C. White, Clk.