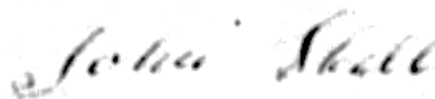


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shell R7179 Catharine Miller¹ fn36NC
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State of Tennessee County of Hawkins: SS: Be it known, that, on this the 19th day of March A.D. 1853 [last digit written over and unclear could be "0", "2" or "3"], before the subscriber an acting justice of the peace, in and for said County personally appeared Mr. John Shell Junior aged 74 years past, a resident of said County, and made oath in due form of law, That his father John Shell Senior was a soldier in the War of the American Revolution; That he served in the State of North Carolina in Morgan district, that the first tour of service was performed in the year 1781 at the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs]; and that he next served as a commissary at the battle of Ramsour's Mill, under the command of Colonel or General Rutherford, that General Rutherford in the evening before said battle sent him order to be on the battleground with provisions for one hundred men and that said order was performed; that his next tour of service was performed in the capacity of Lieutenant in 1782, under Colonel McDowell, against the Indians in which campaign a battle was fought at the War Ford of Big Pigeon [River] in which his said father participated; he again served a campaign against the Indians at Sandy Mush, under Captain Whitner and Colonel McDowell, in which campaign the battle of "Sandy Mush" was fought, he acting as a Lieutenant. That his said father John Shell may have performed several other tours of service which affiant cannot remember any more than the above, but thinks he must have served at least three years, and most of the time in some official capacity. [deponent then gave a power of attorney to Tazewell W. Newman of Knoxville Tennessee to pursue his claim.]



Affiant further declares that his father John Shell Senior and his mother, whose maiden name was Catharine Fagler, were married in Hagerstown Maryland in the year A.D. 1778 or 1772, affiant thinks, by "publication" in the Lutheran Church. Affiant further declares that his father, said John Shell Senior, died in the year A.D. 17th of November 1796; and that his mother again intermarried with George Miller who died in the year A.D. 1828. Affiant further declares that his mother said Catharine Miller and died on the 22nd day of April A.D. 1846 and left the following

¹ Former widow

named only surviving children by John Shell Senior affiant's father: Daniel Shell, Sarah McCall, Christina Woods and affiant in this declaration. For proof of the facts contained in the foregoing declaration affiant refers to the proof upon file in any of the Departments in Washington City or elsewhere and that which his agent hereafter file.

S/ John Shell

[fn p. 19: Last will and testament of the veteran in which he names his son John Michelle as his executor and makes reference to his wife and 4 children as well as his brother-in-law Henry Whitener and neighbor Henry Hallman. The will is dated November 29, 1796 and is signed by the mark of the veteran.]