

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Schrimshear R9274

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: On this ___day of November 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before Charles F Keith one of the Judges of law and equity in and for the State of Tennessee now sitting John Schrimshear a resident of the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee in the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee aged Eighty-one years last December who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in what is now Albemarle County Virginia on the waters of James River on the 24th of December 1751 as he was informed by his parents. He has no record of his age. The reason why he makes his application in said Monroe County instead of McMinn where he lives are as follows to wit. He lives near a Monroe Courthouse then McMinn and he is subpoenaed as a witness and now attending Court under said subpoena his witness also at said Court his lawyer here all of which makes it more convenient to make the application in said Monroe County then met men. He was living in Anson County North Carolina when he entered into service at which place in the first of December 1778 to the best of his recollection he was drafted for a three months tour against the British and Tories under Captain John Ware and Colonel William Parry's Regiment of militia we rendezvoused at Salisbury we then marched to McLinburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] Courthouse there we joined Colonel Pasesy's Regiment we lay there a few days and then marched to Cheraw Hills lay there 4 or 5 weeks we then marched to black River to attack the Tories they fled before we got there we lay there some time – and then marched back to Salisbury and was there honorably discharged. His discharge was signed by said Captain John Ware but is lost long since. He served at this time three months and was discharged in the first of March 1779. He was in no battle at this time. He then went to Roann County [sic, Rowan County] North Carolina at which place sometime in April 1779 to the best of his recollection he substituted in the room and stead of Asa Goliharn for a six months tour under Captain James Nail in Colonel John Rutherford's Regiment of Militia. We rendezvoused at Salisbury in Anson County [sic, Rowan County] we then marched to Camden we lay there a considerable time he supposes six weeks or more he then joined General Lincoln's Brigade and marched to Stono ferry we attacked the British and had a battle but we were compelled to retreat we lost a number of men killed and wounded Colonel Roberts fell in that engagement and was much lamented we

then marched to the Congaree Church house lay there a considerable time probably between 2 and 3 months we then marched to Camden lay there till our time was out and was then honorably discharged sometime in October 1779 his discharge was signed by said Captain Nail which discharge he gave to said Asa Goliharn the man that hired him he served at this time six months.

Again while living in said Roann County North Carolina he thinks in December 1780 he substituted for a twelve months tour in the cavalry in the room and stead of Henry Stephens under Captain Alexander Brevard in Colonel Dixens [sic, Dixon's] Regiment his Christian name not recollected he thinks it was in the 31st Regiment. We rendezvoused at Ashley Hills in South Carolina there we joined General Greene's Army we lay there about 4 months we then marched to Charleston the British was then in possession of the town we raised a breastwork and made preparation to take the town we lay there some time but did not attack the town we then marched to the Congaree Churches lay there a few days we then marched to Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] he was in that battle General Greene had the command we lost a number of men killed and wounded Colonel Washington was taken prisoner after we buried our dead and got our wounded into the hospital at the old Church house on Congaree we marched to Camden and lay there till within a few days of the end of our service he then got a furlough until further orders and was never more called on neither was his Captain nor any of his company he served at this time 12 months. He served in the whole 21 months for which he claims a pension. He may be mistaken as to some of the dates above mentioned as his memory is somewhat treacherous that he is certain he served the full time above mentioned. At the close of the war he removed to Pendleton District South Carolina and lived there till about 1805 at which time he moved to Blount County Tennessee lived there about six years he then moved to said McMinn County and has lived there ever since. He was called into the service in the manner above stated and no other. He was acquainted with Colonel Litle [sic probably Colonel Archibald Lytle] of the Continental Army Generals Davis & Marion and General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. He don't recollect any Continental or militia regiments nor the general circumstances of his service further than above stated. He did received two discharges which are above accounted for. He never did receive a commission. He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Thomas Lesley, Amos Brians and John White and William Sterling all of whom he believes would testify that he is a man of veracity and that they believe he served as a soldier of the Revolution. He has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ John B Captain, Clerk
by E. H. Dean, DC

S/ John Schrimshear

[Barney Casteel, a clergyman, of Monroe County and Thomas Dugan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[There is a note in the file which reads: "Rejected deserted" but I could find no documents in the file upon which this assessment of his claim was based.]