

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Shafer (Shaeffer) R9413

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State of Pennsylvania County of Allegheny: SS

On this 20th day of January 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Henry Saffer of Jefferson Township in the County of Allegheny State of Pennsylvania aged 84 years in October last past, who being first sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he the said Henry Saffer entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as is herein after stated –

That he was drafted under Captain Mabry Evans in the beginning of April 1778 for the term of one month, at which time he resided in Youghioghny County State of Virginia from which place they marched and crossed the Monongahela River near McKeesport and marched up to Youghioghny River a short distance to a blockhouse, where they remained attending to duty until his time expired, and he was dismissed and he then returned home, having served one month as private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of June of the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Zedock Wright [Zadock Wright] and Lieutenant Riche from which place we marched to Pittsburgh where we fell under command of Colonel Beeler at which place they remained attending to duty until his time expired, he then returned home having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of August 1778 he volunteered under Captain Minter for the term of four months for the County aforesaid, Youghioghny, from which place they marched to the mouth of Big Beaver Creek where they fell and under command of Colonel Beeler, attached to General McIntosh's Brigade at which place the 13th Regiment of regulars lay commanded by Colonel Gibson at which place they built Fort McIntosh. From Fort McIntosh they marched to the Tuscarawas River at which place the [they] built Fort Lawrince [Fort Laurens]. From thence General McIntosh marched part of his troop back to Fort McIntosh at which place they remained attending to duty until this applicant's time expired, when he was dismissed, and returned home, having served four months as a private without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of April 1779 he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Zadock Wright from which place they marched to Fort McMichael in the State of Virginia where they came under command of Colonel Cox at which place the [they] remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed, and he returned home, having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of May in the same year this applicant went out as a substitute for his father Henry Shafer who was drafted from Youghioghny County of aforesaid under Captain Z.

Wright for the term of one month from which place they marched to Fort McMichael where he remained attending to duty until his time expired when he was dismissed and returned home having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of June in the same year he was drafted from the same place, for the term of one month under said Captain Wright and was stationed at Fort McMichael under command of Colonel Cox, at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed and returned home, having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of August of the same year, he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright and was stationed at Fort McMichael, under command of Colonel Cox, at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of October of the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under said Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed having served one month without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of November of the same year he went out as a substitute for his father Henry Shafer who was drafted the place aforesaid for the term of one month, under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael under Colonel Cox, at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired when he was dismissed having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of December of the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under said Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael, at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired when he was dismissed having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of April 1780 he went out as a substitute for his father, who was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired when he was discharged having served one month as a private and a substitute without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of May of the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending the duty until his time expired when he was dismissed, having served one month as a private, without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of June of the same year he went out as a substitute for his father Henry Shaffer, who was drafted from the same place under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael for one month at Fort McMichael he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed having served as a substitute as aforesaid for one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of August of the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending the duty until his time expired when he was dismissed having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of September of the same year he went as a substitute for his father Henry Shaffer, who was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright, and was stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending the duty until his time expired when he was dismissed having served one month as a private, without receiving

a discharge.

In the beginning of October the same year he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright, and stationed at Fort McMichael, at which place he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed, having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of November of the same year he went out as a substitute for his father Henry Shaffer who was drafted from the same place for the term of one month under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained as a substitute attending the duty until his time expired when he was dismissed having served one month as a private, without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of March 1781 he was drafted from the same place for the term of one month, under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael where he remained attending to duty until his time expired, when he was dismissed, having served one month as a private without receiving a discharge.

In the beginning of April of the same year he went out as a substitute for his father Henry Shaffer who was drafted from the same place before for the term of one month, under Captain Wright and stationed at Fort McMichael we remained attending to do until his time expired, when he was dismissed having served one month as a private and substitute without receiving a discharge –

In the beginning of May of the same year he was drafted from the same place before for the term of one month under Captain Wright stationed at Fort McMichael at which place he remained attending the duty to the latter end of said month, when he volunteered under Captain Sylvester Slover for the term of three months or during the Campaign against the Sandusky Indians, from which place they marched to the place of rendezvous near Wheeling Virginia where they fell under command of Colonel William Crawford, from which place they crossed the Ohio River marched westward, they halted a short time at the [paper damaged and word indecipherable, could be "Moravian"] towns, from thence they marched on to Sandusky River which place they met with the Indians, and a severe engagement [Crawford's Defeat, June 4-6, 1782] ensued, they were forced to retreat Colonel Crawford the commander and many of the Army was slain or taken prisoners. The balance making their way back to the garrisons in the best manner they could – This applicant with another private named Jacob Miller made their way back to Wheeling Virginia from thence the Fort Catfish (now Washington Pennsylvania) and from thence home, being the last of July or beginning of August, at which time his term expired, after having served 3 months as a private a part of which service was under the last named draft and the balance a volunteer as aforesaid. This applicant further states that Captain Slover and the officers of his company was killed or taken prisoners, in consequence of which, he was not regularly dismissed from the service.

This applicant further says he was drafted eleven times that he volunteered twice that he served as a substitute seven time, making in all twenty-five months for which said services he now claims a pension.

This applicant further states, that he knows of no person now living who can testify to all of his services.

The deposition of William Hassell of Allegheny County Pennsylvania has been taken proving a part of his Services, and is here unto annexed.

This as all that this applicant can at present procure – And he has no documentary evidence.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present

and he states his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Henry Shaeffer, X his mark

[William B McIlvaine, a clergyman, and Daniel Negley [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories put by the Court to Henry Shaffer

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have none.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Youghioghny County Virginia when I entered the service which has since been changed Allegheny County Pennsylvania where I remained to the present time.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted 12 times, I volunteered twice and served 7 times as a substitute for my father Henry Shaffer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. General McIntosh, Colonel Beeler, Gibson who commanded the 13th Regiment of regulars, Colonel Cox, Colonel Crawford who commanded the troops against the Sandusky Indians.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received no discharge.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. E. Perceval Esquire, William Hutchison, John McNut, Captain Thomas G Brown, Daniel Justin, Lewis Justin, Benjamin Hillman, Isaac Lobb, James Lobb, And Also Hon. William Wilkins, now Secretary of War, Reverend McElvaine, & Daniel Negley. Age and

[f pp 16-17: William Hassell, 82, gave an affidavit dated January 14, 1845 in Allegheny County Pennsylvania in which he supports the claim of services made by the veteran. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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Supplementary declaration of Henry Shafer to obtain a pension by virtue of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June A.D. 1832

State of Pennsylvania

County of Allegheny: SS

Personally appeared before me, one of the justices of the peace in and for said County Henry Shafer who is now an applicant for a pension and makes the following statement in addition to his former declaration.

1st. That Youghioghny County Virginia is that section of country claimed by State of Virginia

