

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shannon R9419

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State of Virginia County of Smyth: SS

On this 22nd day of July 1845 personally appeared before the County Court of Smyth County a court of record, Ann Shannon a resident of said County aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 & March 3rd 1843; entitled "An act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows; ["] that she is the widow of John Shannon who was a private in the Virginia militia in the Revolution: that she is not able to give the details of her husband's service with the accuracy required by the War Department – but she recollects hearing him say more than once that his whole term of service was six months & three weeks: he was drafted to go to the South on one occasion, the Colonel of the Regiment was William Preston, the Captain of the company was Robert Buchanan he was at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] where he was wounded in the hip [? very faint, hard to discern]. That she was raised in the same neighborhood with John Shannon & recollects his returning home & the talk in Country about the expedition & his wound. He then served under Captain Robert [last name illegibly faint] on an expedition directed entirely against the Tories & she thinks he was in more than one [text illegibly faint]. He was also on the trip to Long Island [text illegibly faint], but how long he was absent [text illegibly faint]. She thinks Colonel William Campbell commanded the Regiment as she has heard John Shannon speak of having served under him & she thinks it was on that occasion. That she cannot give dates nor the names of officers as such things have escaped her memory, if she ever knew them.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Shannon on the 10th day of January 1788 & that her husband the aforesaid John Shannon died on the 18th day of December 1832: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated & that she is still a widow.

S/ and Shannon, X her mark

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State of Virginia County of Smyth: SS

This day personally appeared before me Charles Taylor a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Mary Buchanan who being first duly sworn deposeth & saith that John Shannon, her brother, was drafted to serve in the Revolution, & left home in company with other persons on the same service, that he returned after an absence as well as this deponent now recollects of about one month, wounded in the hip: that this loan was received at the skirmish at Ramsour's or Whitesell's Mill [Wetzel Mill March 6, 1781]. That she well recollects her brother & others engaged in the skirmish say that his loan was received there & that the whole party

would probably have been a [indecipherable word], but for the timely arrival of a troop of light horse; That his Captain on dedication was Robert Buchanan who was himself wounded: that after that, her brother went "Tory hunting," as it was then called, under Captain Robert McFarland, when he was again absent about a month & came back deeply disgusted with his life & expressed his determination not to engage in that species of service again: That he afterwards went as an Indian spy to Cumberland, when he was again absent a month or thereabouts, in company with one Andrew Steel that she does not now recollect whether this latter service was before the close of the Revolution or not & can't speak with any certainty on that point: That she was not present at the marriage of John Shannon & Ann or Nancy Marshall (the present declarant for a pension) but that she stayed at home to cook for the infair [sic, affair?] & The day after the wedding, the party came to her father's, where they had a frolic: This, as well as affiant recollects was about 1787.

S/ Mary Buchanan, X her mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 24th day of June 1845

S/ Charles C Taylor, JP

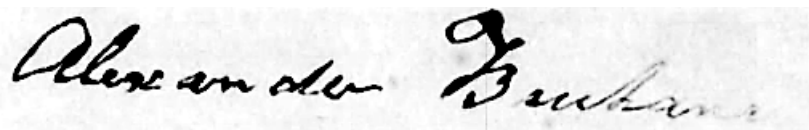
[f p. 8: extract of marriage solemnize by Reverend Thomas Woolsey in Washington County Virginia showing the marriage on January 10, 1788 of John Shannon to Ann Marshall.]

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State of Virginia: County of Smyth: SS

19th of July 1845 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Alexander Buchanan, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth & saith that in the year 1781 or 1782, John Shannon, the husband of Ann Shannon the present declarant for a pension, returned wounded from the South: This deponent saw the wound, which was in the hip, & was then told by him, that it was received at Ramsour's Mill. This deponent has heard the same from other persons Colonel William Preston commanded the Regiment & Captain Robert Buchanan the company. This deponent has heard John Shannon give accounts of other trips in which he was engaged, but can't say anything of them himself. He has never heard any doubts expressed as to his loan having been received at Ramsour's or of his services in the revolution.

S/ Alexander Buchanan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander Buchanan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[f p. 10: power of attorney dated January 19, 1853 executed in Smyth County Virginia by Charles J Shannon, son of the veteran.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles J Shannon". To the right of the signature is a circular seal or stamp, partially obscured by the ink. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.