

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Sharpe (Sharp) R9425

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State of Tennessee County of Grainger

On this eighteenth day of March 1843 personally appeared before me William R. Jones a Magistrate in and for the County and State aforesaid Moses Sharpe a citizen of the said County aged about eighty-one years old who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: States that he was drafted in the spring of the year 1781 for the tour of three months and was mustered into service as near as he can recollect about the first of March in that year at Winchester in the State of Virginia under Captain Longacre a Dutchman of that County in the Militia service and served the full term of three months and he thinks some few days over when he received his discharge for a three months Tour this service was to guard the prisoners brought from the South taken at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under General Morgan and he understood to meet Cornwallis but the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] was over about the time we reached Winchester where we met the prisoners and our Regiment remained to guard them. Then in the fall of the same year he was called on again by draft the second time and served another three months tour of duty in the militia under Captain Vance Bush a Militia Captain in said County of Frederick and mustered into service at Winchester Virginia and served his three months for which he was drafted. This last Tour he was mustered into service about the last day of August 1781 about the time that Cornwallis was pursuing General Lafayette from Richmond up to the mountains and while General Washington had Cornwallis entrenched at York both of these tours of service was served at the Garrison at Winchester guarding the prisoners that was taken at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at the battle of the Cowpens in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] I General Morgan he received his first discharge from Captain Longacre in his second discharge from Captain Vance Bush by order of Colonel Niscwonger [John Niscwanger] who commanded the Stationed at the time of my discharge; my last tour Colonel Allen commanded the Station part of the time he was a Militia Colonel and came from some other County part of the term of my first Tour; four in Frederick County the militia was called out for 1, 2 & 3 reliefs or drafts to guard the Garrison and sometimes oftener when there was a great many prisoners; and particular about the time I speak of as the British had just then overrun Virginia and North Carolina I know of no living Testimony to prove my services by except the evidence of Abel Hankins whose Deposition is hereto preferred who was raised in the County of Frederick and whose Brother John Hankins served a Tour with me and often visited the garrison during my service: and Adam Cabbage's testimony. As a reason why he did not apply sooner for the benefit of the law; one reason was that he had always understood that he could not obtain a pension unless he could establish his services by two witnesses that had a knowledge of the particulars of his services and he did not

know where to find them until now; that in the lapse of years all his acquaintances where he was raised have died and scattered to the four winds of heaven and he knew not where to find them if he had been able to hunt them up; besides he was poor and unable to spare time or pay expense and being very old and feeble was unable to travel to hunt them up. He would also state that he has always lived remote from the County Town and but very little information Hiring [hearing] in his neighborhood about such matters, and but very lately that he learned that he could obtain his rights and as early after as he could get his business done he has attended to it and by accident that he discovered Mr. Abel Hankins who knew of his services. I was born in Frederick County Virginia and entered the service a little before he was nineteen years old and was discharged in June early in that month and was discharged his second tour about the first of January 1782; his discharges in moving about has been lost so that he cannot find them and he never had any other documentary evidence he lived after the war in the same County for about two years and moved from thence to Knox County in this State where he resided about five years and then moved to this County in this neighborhood where he now lives and have lived here about the rise of or about fifty years I would state that my memory is now much failed me and I may have committed some minor mistakes but hopes his case is set forth in such a light as will entitle him to the benefit of the law which he knows is his right: it will be but little and he shall not want that little long but may smooth my way from this world with the comfort so much needed in old age to that world where I shall not need them. He states this is the first application for a pension and that his name is not on the pension roll of the United States nor of any state and now hereby relinquishes all and every Claim to a pension except the present application. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year 1st above written before me.

S/ Moses Sharpe, X his mark

S/ Wm P. Jones The following Questions was propounded to the applicant Moses Sharp & answers as follows recorded

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in 1762 in the month of April

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

Answer 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?

Answer I lived in Frederick County part of my time Knox County about 5 years and since have lived in Grainger County Tennessee

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

Answer by draft both Tours

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.

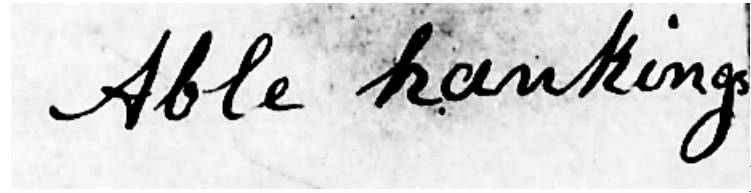
Answer Colonel Niscwanger, Colonel Allen, General Lafayette below the mountains and served both Tours at the Garrisoned at Winchester Virginia

Wm P. Yones, JP [George Brock & William

[George Brock & William Hickle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. August 13, 1842 in Grainger County Tennessee, Abel Hankings gave testimony in support of the claim made by the veteran in which he states that he was well acquainted with the veteran

and knows that he served the 2 terms as set forth in his application. The affiant does not state that he served with the veteran.



Able Hankings]

[f p. 15: On April 18, 1843, Adam Cabbage,¹ 88, gave testimony that he served a 3 month tour under Captain since Bush at Winchester with the veteran and that during that service he saw the discharge that the veteran had from my prior service. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[f p. 3: Power of attorney dated September 24, 1852, in Grainger County Tennessee by William Sharp, 59, son of Moses Sharp, a soldier in the state of Virginia during the revolutionary war; that his father died September 16, 1846; that his mother Rebecca Sharp died May 25, 1842; that they were married in the year 1790 while they were residents of Rockbridge County Virginia.



Wm Sharp]

¹ [Adam Cabbage S2111](#)