

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Sharp R9433

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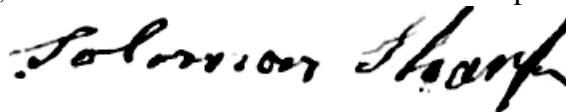
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State of Kentucky Mercer County

On this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared in open court (being a Court of record) for the said County (made so by the act of the Legislature and having power to fine and imprison) Solomon Sharpe aged ~~seventy~~ eighty years being born 29th of February 1762 & having no record in this country resident of said County of Mercer, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare That he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. That about the middle of February 1781, In the County of Bedford & State of Virginia he enlisted in the company of Thomas Watkins & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lynch for three months, when he was only about eighteen years of age and marched soon after to Guilford court house, and was with the Virginia line in the said Battle of Guilford on the 15th of March following where he faithfully performed his duty & was honorably discharged, That in the next year 1782 he moved to Kentucky & settled at McAfee's & McCown's Stations on Salt River, and was by the orders of General George Rogers Clark stationed as a scout or Ranger on the Frontiers at Mr. Lyons, Arnold's & other Frontier posts under the command of Captain Robert Armstrong – where he served during fifteen months being a young [man] he was continually engaged for five tours in succession during that year and the next, and was often employed in pursuit of the Indians when they attacked the stations, particularly at McAfee's & Arnold's Stations, making in all eighteen months service before the Revolutionary war was ended, and for four [or] five years after he was also engaged in many scouts & skirmishes which took place almost every few months for many years, That he is not a pensioner at this time & has been prevented from applying heretofore on account of his living in a remote quarter of this County & was uninformed as to his right to a pension until within a few years past since which time he has been engaged in hunting up his evidence & has not been able to find it until within a short period sense & now makes this application, Witness my hand this 6th day of September 1841.

Sworn to in open Court September 6, 1841

S/ Solomon Sharp



[f p. 4: Patsy Lyon, 73, gave testimony in Mercer County Kentucky on August 21, 1841, that she was well acquainted with Solomon Sharp; that when she came to Kentucky she found Sharp stationed as a guard at Joseph Lyon's, Stephen Lyon's and that he remained as a guard at said places from October to the middle of the next March. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 13: Elizabeth McCown Senr., 85, gave testimony in Mercer County Kentucky on May 17, 1842, that she was born on August 29, and will be 86 years old on her next birthday; that she came to Kentucky in 1779, and settled at McAfee's Station on Salt River and was then a married woman; that she became acquainted with Solomon Sharp; that he lived in her family nearly 3 years; that he acted as a soldier and guard at said station and the adjacent stations. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]