

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Shaw R9446

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South Carolina, York District

On the first day of August 1836, personally appeared in open court before Benjamin Chambers, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District, William Shaw, a resident of York District, South Carolina, aged Seventy-nine years 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 I entered the service of the United States & served as herein after stated.

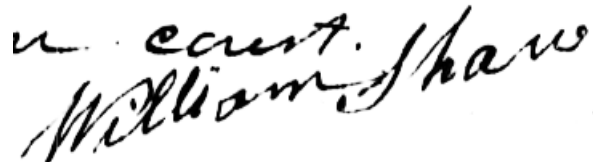
I was born in York County, State of Pennsylvania in the year 1757 & when about four or five years old I moved to the State of South Carolina, where I have always resided with the exception of about thirteen years, immediately after the close of the war, during which time I resided in Greene County Georgia. I have a record of my age written in my Father's family Bible now in my possession. I was living in Union District, South Carolina, when first called into the service of the United States. That I entered the service first as a drafted man in a troop of cavalry commanded by Lieutenant Story – that we proceeded to Augusta in the State of Georgia, where our troops with others under the general command of Major (afterwards Colonel) Brandon [Thomas Brandon], we besieged the town of Augusta then possessed by the British, Tories & Indians. That we remained there six weeks when the enemy evacuated the town & we returned to our homes. In what particular year I served as above stated, I cannot say as from my age I cannot particularly remembered dates, but the history of the times will fix the date. In that service I provided my own horse & arms.

That I remained at home until the enemy took the city of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, when I volunteered as a trooper under the command of Captain Robert Faries [sic, Robert Farris], who acted under the general command of Col. Brandon, and that I served until peace was proclaimed & our liberties won. In this service we marched principally through the upper Districts of this State keeping the Tories in check. I was in four several engagements. The first was at the house of John Thomas in Union District, where a small party of us were attacked by an overwhelming force of Tories commanded by one Captain Pat Moore [Patrick Moore]. The second Battle I was in was in the same District, where about twenty of our force were attacked by a strong party of the enemy commanded by that notorious renegade & Tory Captain Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] – in which engagement we were defeated. -- the third engagement was in the District of Ninety-Six in this State between about forty Whigs & one hundred & twenty Tories commanded by Captain Pat Moore – we defeated the enemy. I was also in the hard fought & bloody battle at King's Mountain in this District, under the command of Captain Moffett [John Moffett] – where the American force commanded by Colonels Williams [James Williams], Shelby [Isaac Shelby] & others defeated with great loss, the enemy were commanded by Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson]. History informs us that this battle was fought 7th October 1780. The whole time I served as a volunteer I cannot precisely say, but can with safety & certainty say two years. I never received a wound. I have no documentary evidence of my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. -- Sworn to &

subscribed the day and year above written in open court.

S/ Benjm Chambers, J.Y.D.

S/ William Shaw



[William Barron and Robert Walker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina, York District

Personal examination of William Shaw made in open court before B. Chambers, Judge of the Court of Ordinary 1st August 1836:

Int 1. When & in what year were you born?

Ans: In York County Pennsylvania & in I believe 1757.

Int. 2: Have you any record of your age?

Ans: Yes – in my Father's Bible, which is in my possession.

Int. 3: Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Ans: I lived in Union District South Carolina when called into service – after the war was concluded, I moved to Georgia, Greene County, where I resided 13 years – I then removed to Union District in this state & now resides in York District S. C.

Int. 4: How were you called into service – were you drafted: did you volunteer – were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Ans: The first month I was drafted. Afterwards I was always a volunteer.

Ins. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers which were with the troops where you served – such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services.

Ans.: At Augusta, I believe Genl Williamson [Andrew Williamson] had the command – Colonel Hammond [LeRoy Hammond] his relation¹ was also there -- & Col. Twiggs [John Twiggs] of Georgia—these time named in addition to what I have named in my declaration.

Int. 6: Did you ever receive a discharge from the service?

Ans: I never received a written one.

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

Ans: As to my character for veracity, I could readily refer to my whole neighborhood – but I'll refer particularly to William Barron & Robert Walker. In Union District S.C. I am satisfied that Henry Story, James Story, Matthew Patton, Joseph Means, John Means & James Means well know my services as we were together in the same service. Some of them may be dead but they were alive about eighteen years ago. Sworn to & subscribed in open court.

S/ Benjm Chambers, J. Y. D.

S/ William Shaw

[fn p. 23: copy of the petition veteran filed with the State of SC for a state pension]

South Carolina York District: To the Honorable the Speaker and other members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina. The Humble petition of William Shaw sheweth unto your Honorable Body that he is now sixty-seven years of age & is a poor man. That his wife is now an aged & infirm [woman]. That he has a son afflicted with the fits & who is unable to render himself any assistance. That his dependence is on his two daughters for his family support and that one of them is infirm. Your petitioner has stated these facts simply to show to your Honorable Body that aid from his

1 Hammond was Williamson's brother-in-law, the two men's wives being sisters.

country has not been asked until necessitated to do so. He now begs leave to show to your Honorable Body that during the Revolutionary war he was engaged in the defense of his Country. That about three months before the fall of Charleston he entered the service of this State under Lieutenant George Story in the Battalion of Major Brannon [Thomas Brandon]. That at that time he was out about three months. That he then went under Captain James Crawford still commanded by Major Brandon but who was this time promoted to Colonel. That he was under Captain Crawford somewhat over one year. Then he went out under Captain John Moffett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Bratton. That he remained in the service under Moffett something over one year. Your petitioner was at the battle of Kings Mountain in the District of York in the skirmish over Lawson's Fork Union District at Colonel Thomas' two skirmishes in Georgia. That he received no wounds. That at the battle at Kings Mountain your petitioner was able to show a hunting shirt struck with several balls and nothing but a kind & overruling Providence preserved his life. He states to your Humble Body that he never received any compensation for his services never having asked any or presenting any claim against the State. He prays your Honorable Body to take his case into consideration & allow him such an amount as you in your wisdom & charity may think him entitled to all grant him a pension.

(Signed) William Shaw

John Forbes² being sworn he knows William Shaw that the facts as stated in this petition as relates to Mr. Shaw's family is correct. That he knows he was a real Whig, he and all his family, That he knows he was in the service: That he saw him at Orangeburg sometime after the capture of Charleston. That he was then in Colonel Brandon's Regiment deponent says he is satisfied Mr. Shaw deserves well of his County [sic]. Sworn to and subscribed this 8th of August 1825

(signed) John Forbes

Joseph Black says he knows Mr. William Shaw that the facts stated as to his family he knows to be true. He also knows he was a Whig that he knows he was at the battle of Kings Mountain & he knows that Mr. Shaw was a real Whig & his family so called. Deponent knew one of his brothers who was a Whig. Deponent says he is satisfied Mr. Shaw deserves well of his Country. Sworn to & subscribed the 8th day of August 1825

(signed) Joseph Black

[fn p. 11: On May 13, 1853 in Your District South Carolina, Gilbert Shaw, son of William Shaw, filed a claim seeking to collect the pension that would have been due his father as a federal pensioner being the difference between what his father received of that his state pension and what he was entitled to receive under the federal pension laws.]

² Probably the same man as [John Forbes R3645](#)