

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sheetz (Sheets, Shoots) R9460

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State of Virginia County of Rockingham: SS

On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting John Sheets a resident of Rockingham County and State of Virginia aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to claim the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

At the commencement of the revolutionary war he resided in Shenandoah County, State of Virginia. Early in the war, but he cannot say positively what year, he enlisted under Captain Long a recruiting officer in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and marched under Captain Roush to Head Quarters near Philadelphia. He does not know what Regiment he was attached to you at this period, but he carried a musket. Shortly after he joined the Army General Washington, as he understood, permitted General Morgan to select men from the ranks of the Army to form a rifle Corps, and he was one of the number selected, he being very tall and athletic. He continued to serve under General Morgan the remainder of his term of enlistment, of two years. He served in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, was engaged in the capture of the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776], and was in an engagement at Schuylkill River near Philadelphia where he received a slight flesh wound in the thigh. He served two years, and was discharged at a small town in New Jersey, the name of which he cannot recollect, and he has lost his discharge and has forgotten the name of the officer by whom the discharge was signed. His memory has failed so much that he cannot say with any certainty the time of his enlistment or discharge, but knows he served 2 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Sheetz, X his mark

State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

This day John Sheetz personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that while he was in the Army during the Revolutionary War, as set forth in the accompanying Declaration, he was sometimes called John Sheetz and sometimes he was called John Shoots and when he served in different companies at the roll call his name was called Sheetz or Shoots, his name being a German 1 and he supposes was differently spelled by different officers.

S/ John Sheetz, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the 1st day of July 1835

S/ Richard P Fletcher, JP

[f p. 5: On September 25, 1835 in Rockingham County Virginia, Nancy Hinaker, 72, gave testimony that her brother John Sheetz served in the revolutionary war shortly after its commencement in a company commanded by Captain Rice or Roush as it was sometimes pronounced; that he was absent in the service not less than a couple of years. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 8th day of May 1782, in the name of John Shoots, as a Soldier of Infantry for £36.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Cunningham and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
6th day of May 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR