

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sheid¹ R9464

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State of Virginia Fairfax County SS

On this 19th day of June 1854 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the County of Fairfax, John Sheid aged 93 years, a resident of said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, viz. in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated:

That he volunteered in Loudoun County Virginia under Captain Daniel Feagans [Daniel Feagan] for the term of six months, in the year as well as my memory serves me before the surrender of Cornwallis at York-Town [October 19, 1781]. I marched from the neighborhood of Aldie in said County, the 1st day to Haymarket Prince William County, from thence to Fredericksburg, from thence to Smithfield, and from there to Petersburg where we were stationed we joined the Regiment at Chesterfield Courthouse. A short time before Christmas we were ordered to march to South Carolina but my time of service being nearly expired, and my ancle [ankle] being painful from a wound received by the baggage wagons running over it sometime previous thereto I received an honorable discharge – the remainder of the Army went on further South. I reached home I think a day or 2 before Christmas. I was discharged at Petersburg Virginia. The spring of the year following I was drafted to march again but by the interposition of my Captain Daniel Feagans I was exempted from service my ankle yet being painful. Some years after the war I sent my certificate of discharge to Richmond Virginia by the Sheriff in order to obtain my monthly pay but did not receive it. The Auditor in forming the Sheriff that there were no funds in the treasury for that purpose, he, the Sheriff, return my discharge to me again, but I lost it some years after that time in my pocket book and one guinea with it. I do not know of any living witness by whom I can prove my services. The reason that I did not apply at an earlier date was that not having my discharge and was fully impressed with the belief that I could not obtain my pension without having it to show, I further declare that I have never applied before this for my pension and that I never have received one cent of my monthly pay for my services.

Of my officers I recollect DeBell [perhaps John or William Debell, both of whom were lieutenants in the Loudoun County Virginia militia] as Lieutenant and William Craig orderly Sargeant.

I have resided in the County of Fairfax this upwards of 60 years past.

S/ John Sheid

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written - before the County Court of Fairfax County.

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[f p. 5: Veteran successfully applied for his bounty land entitlement pursuant to a claim filed January 3, 1757 in Fairfax County Virginia in which he gave his age as 99 years and stated that he had been drafted in the Virginia militia and I Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell for 6 months and had served 4 months of that term. His signature on this document is much more legible and is as follows

| *John Smith*

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