

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Lemuel Shelton R9474

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Kentucky }  
County of Todd } SS.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July AD 1852 Before me Robert Coulter an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Coleman Shelton a resident of Todd County and state aforesaid, who being duly Sworn according to law on his Oath declares, that he was well acquainted with Lemuel Shelton, who was a revolutionary Soldier and his wife Lettis Weeks Shelton that they resided in Pittsylvania County state of Virginia that said Lemuel Shelton was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution in the Virginia line, that said Lemuel entered the service sometime in the Early part of the Spring of 1779 or 1780, (he cannot say precisely which year) and he returned from the service to his home, sometime in October or November of the year 1779 or 1780, that he knows said Lemuel Shelton was absent in the service of the United States in the war aforesaid, for six months or upward, and that said Lemuel Shelton was married to said Lettis W Shelton in the month of August 1796, that he was present at their marriage, and that said Lettis W Shelton died in Pittsylvania County Virginia, on or about the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1815, and that said Lemuel Shelton died in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia in the year 1848 (One thousand Eight Hundred and forty Eight) that he knows said Lemuel Shelton served for the period of six months in Virginia [blank space] of the Army of the Revolution in the Company Commanded by [blank] That he is also acquainted with Hubbard C Shelton, who is a son and only living heir of said Lemuel Shelton & Lettis W Shelton his wife, that he lived near and in the family of said Lemuel Shelton, and that said Hubbard C Shelton was known & always recognized by them as their Son, that they had Seven other children, who are now dead, and that said Hubbard C is the only surviving child and heir, and that said Hubbard C Shelton is about forty seven years of age. he further declares that he is a disinterested Witness [signed] Coleman Shelton

State of Kentucky }  
County of Todd } SS

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1853 before me Robert Coulter an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared Hubbard C Shelton aged about forty seven years, resident of Todd County and State aforesaid, who being duly Sworn according to Law on his Oath makes the following Declaration, for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of any act or acts of Congress, under which he may be found entitled to a Pension, to wit, That he is the Child of Lemuel Shelton deceased late of Pittsylvania County State of Virginia, who was a Private Soldier in the Virginia Militia of the army of the United States in the War of the Revolution, and who has never as he is informed & verily believes, drawn a pension for said Military Service. That said Lemuel Shelton died in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia on the [blank] day of [blank] one thousand Eight hundred and forty Eight (1848), That Lettis W Shelton Wife of said Lemuel deceased died in the County of Pittsylvania, aforesaid, sometime in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifteen (1815) many years before his father died Lemuel Shelton. That they were married as he has often heard them say in or about the month of August One thousand seven hundred and Ninety Six, as will be seen by the accompanying affidavit of Coleman Shelton, a respectable Citizen of Todd County Kentucky aforesaid, That from what he has heard his father and others say, he the said Lemuel served more than six months in said War in the Company commanded by Captain Gilbert (he thinks) that he was at the battle of Guilferd [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] as he has often heard the said Lemuel Shelton relate many incidents connected with that battle. That he is the only surviving Child and heir of said Lemuel, his brothers and sisters having all departed this life many years since, That his father said Lemuel Shelton was quite an illiterate man and much given to dissipation by indulging in ardent Spirits, and for this reason, never knew he was entitled to a pension, and was never so advised by his friends, (who did know,) to apply for a pension because of his dissipation that he is reduced to poverty because

of his fathers waste of his goods and property, And he prays that an examination of his right, as  
the only surviving child and heir of said Lemuel Shelton, be had at Washington City and all  
allowance made [signed] Hubbard C. Shelton