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Pension application of William Sheppard R9478

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State of Georgia are County of Upson: On this 24th day of February in the year 1834 personally appeared before the Superior Court of the County of Upson of the Flint Circuit now sitting William Sheppard Senior a resident of the County of Upson and State of Georgia aged seventy-eight 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 he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the militia of Georgia as a volunteer in the year 1777 in the month of August in that year, the particular date of the month the deponent does not now recollect in consequence of old age under the command of Captain Benjamin Bivins and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Stewart under the command of General Houston, and served a Tour of duty of nine months under said command and at the expiration of the said tour of duty of nine months the deponent again volunteered as a private Soldier under the command of one Captain William Ayres and was attached to a Regiment or Battalion commanded by one Colonel Milledge the Christian name this deponent cannot now recollect and served a Tour of duty of three months, at which time of performing said Tour of duty, the deponent man entering the service at each period resided in the County of Richmond and State of Georgia, this deponent also entered the service as a private Soldier in the Militia of the State of North Carolina about the middle of the month of July in the year 1781 under the Command of Captain Nathan Orr and Major William White whose Battalion was under the command of General Rutherford, the Christian name this deponent does not now recollect and served a Tour of duty of three months at the expiration of which said term this deponent was discharged. This deponent while engaged in the service of the Tour of nine months under Captain Benjamin Bivins aforesaid was confined to the State of Georgia in guarding the frontier of the State of Georgia from the incursions of the Indians and his marches were confined exclusively to the State of Georgia and while performing a tour of duty of three months his marches was confined to the State of Georgia from the city of Augusta to the Florida line on the St. Mary's River. This deponent whilst engaged in the performance of that Tour of duty immediately preceding has no recollection of being in company with any regular officer nor was he in any engagement whatever. Whilst engaged in the performance of the Tour of duty of three months under the command of Captain Orr and in his company his marches was confined exclusively to the State of North Carolina and that he was stationed near Wilmington in that State, the British having possession of that place at that time. This deponent has no recollection at this time of being associated at any. Of the tours of duty that he performed with any regular troops, nor has he any recollection of seeing any regular officers he recollects of being in company with Colonel Elijah Clarke's Regiment as also Colonel Williamson also while engaged

in the service under the command of Captain William Ayres. This deponent was born in the State of North Carolina on Dan River in the month of January in the year 1756 as this deponent has been informed by his parents, there being no record of this deponent's age, that this deponent knows of, the deponent was residing in the State of Georgia as before stated when he entered the service under the command of Captains Bivins and Ayers in Richmond County in said State, and he resided in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina when he entered the service under Captain Orr, that he volunteered in the Tours under Captains Bivins & Ayres and that he was drafted to serve the Tour under the command of Captain Nathan Orr, this deponent received discharges at the close of each of said tours and not believing that they would ever be of any value or service has lost or destroyed them many years ago. This deponent resided in the State of South Carolina at the close of the Revolution and moved into the State of Georgia again in the year 1807 where this deponent now resides. This deponent is known in the neighborhood where he now resides by Sinclair McMullen, Thomas G. Rose, Amos Rose, Jesse Partridge, James Partridge, the Reverend Isaac B. Deavours, Matthew Caldwell, William P. Yonge, Esquire Clerk of the Superior Court, Adolphus Beall, Thomas Beall, Esquire one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County, the Reverend Jacob King, the Reverend John Ross and many others who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief from his character of his having been a Soldier of the Revolution. This deponent has no documentary evidence whatever to establish his claim nor does he know of any person by whose testimony he could procure who could testify to his Service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Christopher B. Strong

S/ William Sheppard, X his mark

Judge of the Flt Dist, Georgia

[Zachariah H. Gordon, a clergyman and Sinclair McMullen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia are County of Upson: On this the 26th day of August 1834 personally appeared before the Superior Court of the County of Upson of the Flint Circuit now sitting William Sheppard Senior a resident of the County of Upson and State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration amendatory of his declaration sworn to on the 24th day of February 1834 before the said Superior Court of said County then sitting in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, and in explanation two objections urged by the pension office War Department to the admissibility of the same wherein this deponent alleged to have performed a Tour of duty for the term of nine months under the command of Captain Benjamin Bivins and Colonel John Stewart and General Houston. This deponent in explanation of the same alleges that he entered said service first to serve for the term of six months, and did serve the same at the expiration of which instead of being discharged he again consented to continue in service for the Term of three months longer under the command of Captain Bivins who also volunteered to perform the same, the reasons why he embraced the same in a tour of duty of nine months was because this deponent did not return home to his friends during that time and however this deponent volunteered to serve for six months he and nearly the whole of Captain Bivins Company consented & volunteered to serve three months longer. This deponent also declares that in making out his first declaration he was induced to believe that by the Captain enrolling his name when he volunteered at the same said service constituted an enlistment and that for this reason he was misled to state that he

performed the contained in his first declaration as an enlisted Soldier, as he volunteered in each of said Tours, and was drafted in the three months Tour which he served in the State of North Carolina.

S/ William Sheppard, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first aforesaid.

S/ C. B. Strong, Judge