

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Shepherd R9484

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit On this 23rd day of April 1834 personally appeared before me George Stillman a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid James Shepherd a resident of said County aged about Eighty-six years as he has been told & believes, not having any record of his age, 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 was born in the County of Albemarle, from whence he removed to the County of Goochland. That in the year 1780 he was called into service from the said County in a company of Militia under command of Captain Jon Seah [?], Lieutenant Charles Christian, that the company marched to the Albemarle Barracks to guard the prisoners taken under Burgoyne. That Colonel F. Taylor [Francis Taylor] was commandant at the Barracks when this declarant first arrived there that afterwards Colonel Wood took the command – this declarant remained at the Barracks two months, & was discharged with the Company – does not recollect what became of his discharge – in the spring of 1781 month of April was again called into service from the County of Goochland in a company of Militia under Captain Tandy Holeman [Tandy Holman] in a Regiment under command of Colonel Charles Dabney – after mustering into service – this declarant was detailed as an artificer (being a Hatter by trade) and under Captain Peyton sent to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle where he remained in service until December 1781 – this declarant further states that after the Revolutionary War he resided in the County of Louisa – that in 1805 he moved to the County of Fluvanna where he now resides that he believes the tours in which he served were under calls made by the regularly constituted authorities of the State that from his great age and loss of memory many particulars of his services have been forgotten. That the affidavit of William Page & [name marked through and illegible] hereunto annexed will prove his last Tour of Service at the Albemarle Barracks. That the 1st one of 2 months he has no evidence to prove – that he served in the two [tours a total of] Eight months – for his character as to the integrity &c he refers to Littleberry Weaver & William Pettit Junior and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension other than the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Shepherd, X his mark

[Robert Lilly & William Pettit, Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Fluvanna County to wit

This day Polley Webb personally came before me Littleberry Weaver a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that sometime in the Revolutionary War she went & stayed some time with her uncle James Shepherd & his wife at the Albemarle Barracks & the same James Shepherd is now living in this neighborhood.

Given under my hand this 26 day of September 1835

S/ L. Weaver, JP

The affidavit of William Page taken before me Littleberry Weaver a justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna & State of Virginia

This Affiant states that he was well acquainted with James Shepherd of the County of Goochland during the revolutionary war that the said Shepherd was in service as an artificer at the Albemarle Barracks in the year 1781, that he was a Hatter by trade & had the management of the Hatters at that place that the said Shepherd remained at said Barracks some considerable time this affiant is confident over six months. The said Shepherd is now present and is the same man, & further this affiant sayeth not.

S/ William Page

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Page". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.