

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Sherrill R9499

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State of South Carolina Anderson District

On the 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court being the Court of general Sessions and common Pleas for said District Lewis Sherrill, a resident of said District aged 7?[last digit written over and illegible] years on the fourteenth day of April last who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes 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, at the age of eighteen under General McDowell in Burke County North Carolina where he then resided in Captain Leuitlis [sic, ?] Company at the close of his service under said officer he immediately commenced service again under Colonel Boward [this may be a reference to Alexander or Hugh Brevard] in whose service he continued throughout the whole struggle. During this period your petitioner was engaged in several little skirmishes with the Cherokee Indian [sic] on the frontier of said State but in no celebrated engagement which he deemed worthy of recording. In the former of his services he was regularly drafted, and in the latter he served as a volunteer under General Boward: from whom he received a discharge. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now alive by whom he can prove his services.

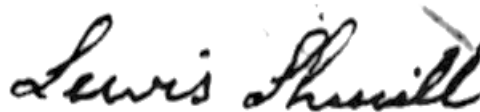
His name is not on the pension roll of any agency whatever, and he hereby relinquishes his claims to any pension or annuity whatever except the present.

This Deponent is satisfied that he was in actual service exceeding 2 years in the whole during the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Van A. Lawhon, CCP

S/ Lewis Sherrill



[Sanford Vandiver, a clergyman, and James C Griffin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina

Before me the undersigned Notary Public and Ex officio a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District of Anderson Personally appeared Captain Lewis Sherrill who after being duly

sworn deposed and saith That from old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the date or times of entering the service nor the exact length of time he served in the Revolutionary War, but from the best of his recollection in the [year] 1779 he turned out volunteer under Colonel Brevard of Burke County in North Carolina, and in the fall of the year he thinks, the same Fall after the Battle at Ramsour's Mill<sup>1</sup> – Colonel Brevard was directed to raise a Troop of cavalry which he did & went with and commanded in person, they went up the South fork of the Catawba [River] in the neighborhood of the place where Ramsour's Battle was – We were out in the County against the Tories not less than 2 months – Afterwards a part of the troop of which he was one went under Colonel McDowell against the Cherokee Indians and went to the Valley Towns – by several Towns before they got there – They killed some warriors and took some prisoners. He was out on this expedition not less than one month – Then afterwards he was with Colonel Brevard in the County of Burke until peace was made except at times he was out – One time he recollects when Cornwallis came through North Carolina they pursued him or rather was stationed at the several Fords of the Catawba [River] Cornwallis – crossed at Beatties Ford, this deponent was at the Buffalo Shoals he heard the firing at Beatties Ford where Cornwallis crossed. After he had crossed those who were with deponent were sent home to prepare to follow Cornwallis. Deponent went home 6 or 7 miles and prepared the next day after went & pursued Cornwallis to South Yadkin [River] – there they met old General McDowell – and Colonel Brevard & his men were sent home or back to guard the frontiers deponent was in the Service with Colonel Brevard who commanded the Troop & was nearly constantly out until the Battle at Yorktown and surrender of Cornwallis when he was discharged – During this last service under Colonel Brevard he was out and in actual service not less than six months but he thinks near a year But he is very certain he served not less than nine months altogether and as a private and found his own Horse and Gun. He does not know of a single person who can testify to his said services now living.

#### Answers to Interrogatories

He was born the 14th of April 1761 in Burke County in the State of North Carolina.

2. He has a copy from the Record of his Father's Bible at his own house now in Anderson District –

3. He lived in Burke County in North Carolina when called into service and after the close of the war he moved into South Carolina Laurens district, lived there 2 or 3 years he then moved to where he now lives in Anderson District.

4. He was a volunteer!

5. He cannot recollect the names of any regular officers he was with.

6. He got discharges, but when he left North Carolina he left all his papers & does not know what became of them –

7. He believes there is no man living that is acquainted with him but would testify to his credibility the most noted are General J B Earle, General Joseph N Whitner, Colonel A. Rice, Colonel Norris – Van A Lawhorn Esquire Clerk of the Court, James McKinney, Sheriff, George E. W. Foster Esquire late Sheriff of the district.

Sworn to & subscribed the 25 October 1833

Before S/ George E. W. Foster, NP

S/ Lewis Sherrill

[fn p. 9: on August 5, 1853 in Cass County Georgia, Mahala Sherrill a resident of Stilesboro in said County filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the "legal heir of John Tate in

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<sup>1</sup> June 20, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

which she purports to empower her attorney to pursue the claim of Lewis Sherrill for a pension. Her relationship to the veteran is not stated although the War Department in a letter summarizing the contents of the file indicate that she was the veteran's daughter. I did not see any verified documentation supporting this relationship in this file.]