

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Sharwood [Sherwood] R9501 Fernelles f44VA
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State of Virginia Norfolk City to with him and

On this 20th day of December 1848 personally appeared before me Richard H Baker, Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the said city of Norfolk, Fernelles Sharwood a resident of the said City, aged eighty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th of July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows; that she is the widow of Henry Sharwood, who was a private soldier in Captain Matthews' Company of militia, regularly organized in the time of the Revolutionary War; and that she has heard and believes, that he did serve as much as three years at different times; and she knows of her own knowledge that he did serve as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; that she does not recollect the name of any other captains, except Captain Matthews; that she has heard her husband, Henry Sharwood frequently say, that he served with Captain Matthews, also her four brothers say this same, and of his being at the battle at the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775]. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Sharwood on the first day of October in the year 1791 and that her husband, the said Henry Sharwood, died on the 24th day of December 1801; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794, viz., at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now the widow of said Henry Sharwood, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

S/ Fernelles Sharwood, X her mark

[f p. 5: Certificate from the clerk of Princess Anne County Virginia stating that the records in his office show from the marriage returns of Reverend William Morris, Junior, that Henry Sharwood and Fernelles Gwinn were married February 26, 1793.]

[f p. 7: copy of a marriage bond issued to Henry Sharwood and Simon Craft on October 1, 1791 in Princess Anne County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Henry Sharwood to Fernelles Gwinn.]

[f p. 41]

I Malachi Cararel¹ of the County of Princess Anne and formerly a Soldier of the Revolution do

¹ Malachi Carroll FPA S8180

hereby Certify that Henry Shurwood was a Soldier in Dabines [²] Regiment Virginia State Line during the war of the Revolution and was honorable discharged at the End thereof.
Given under my hand this the 31st day of May 1832

S/ Malachi Carol, X his mark

At a Quarterly Session Court held for Princess Anne County the 6th day of November 1848. The Court doth certify that satisfactory evidence has been produced to prove, by the oath of Jonathan Frizzell who being present in court, that Henry Sharwood the husband of Fernales Sharwood was a private Soldier in the militia service in the time of the revolutionary war, and served 3 years and that the said Henry Sharwood died in the year of our Lord 1801.
[Attested by John Jay Barrougs, clerk of the County Court of Princess Anne, August 21, 1849.]

¹ *Dabines*
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