

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sherwood (Shearwood) R9506

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State of Missouri County of Pike: SS

On this 12th day of August 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Pike County now sitting William Sherwood a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about eighty-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 enlisted as a private Soldier in the Virginia State troops for two years in the month of April 1776 Culpeper County, under Captain Wallace and Colonel Joseph Weiden, and was stationed at Alexandria, we marched to Fredericksburg thence to Williamsburg in order to obtain a sufficiency of arms for the men, there I was taken sick and remained there until discharged, I was discharged in the fall of 1777 as near as I can recollect, we was paid off at Alexandria and Williamsburg every six months, I again enlisted in the militia as a private Soldier for three months in the month of August in Spotsylvania County Virginia under Captain Lewis Yancy, under Colonel Nathaniel Stephens, the Date of the year not recollected but under that enlistment was at the taking of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] at York, he further states that he has no Documentary evidence; and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, the reason of may not applying sooner for a pension is I was no scholar neither did my circumstances until lately so particularly require support but now I am old, helpless and dependent and being too old it was my just do therefore I want it I can't procure the hereinafter named persons James Jamison, and McDonnald [Newton McDonald] as could Traditionary evidence in support of my Claim, I do hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity, whatever, except the Present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Sherwood, X his mark

[James Jamison and Newton McDonald gave separate supporting affidavits in which they related what the veteran had told them about his services in the revolutionary war.]