

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Shipp R9515

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State of Mississippi, County of Holmes

On this sixth day of June in the year of all or a 1842, personally appeared in open court before the court of probate, now sitting Richard Shipp a resident of Holmes County in said state of Mississippi aged eighty-two 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated—to wit:

That he was a first lieutenant under Capt. Joseph Cloud of Stokes County, North Carolina, and was in active service as such during the revolutionary war on the side of Independence. That he was commissioned as such lieutenant by the Governor of the state, whose name he cannot recollect, that he was in the battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], with Captain Cloud, where were the following officers, as well as he recollects, Campbell [William Campbell], Cleveland (commonly called Old Ben) [Benjamin Cleveland], Sevier [John Sevier] and Williams [Joseph Williams], which last was the Col. of Stokes County Militia and under whom Capt. Cloud and himself as lieutenant acted—That he was also at the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] were Morgan [sic, Nathanael Greene commanded at Guilford, Morgan was not at that battle] commanded—Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] as well as he recollects, also, Cleveland & Williams [Otho Williams] and Cloud were in the action, and that he was discharged four or five days after the battle of Guilford Court house. Upon our retreat after the Battle of King's Mountain, we crossed the Yadkin River, at the Shallow Ford, during the fall of Rain, Cornwallis reached the river at night, and before day it was so swollen as to prevent his pursuing us further. We went onto Guilford Court house, where we were reinforced by Ferguson's force, and the militia.

This declarant was born in Lunenburg County Virginia on the Meherrin River; he further saith, that he has no record of his age, but from the recollection of things he was said to have been born in 1760.

That at the time he entered the service of the United States he lived in Stokes County North Carolina; after the war of the revolution, he removed to Franklin County Georgia on Tugaloo River; thence to Hickman County Tennessee, thence to Mississippi and now lives 5 miles east of Lexington, Holmes County, Mississippi. That in removing from place to place, with the responsibilities of a large family, dependent upon his labor for support, and never supposing that his papers would avail him anything, produced

carelessness about them, whereby they were lost or destroyed, but by reason of old age and lapse of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. For four years and six months, he served as lieutenant and for such services he claims a pension. And that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can broke your, who can 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 & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Shipp

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Shipp". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

S/ John A Williams, Judge of Probate Court

[Berry Nall, a clergyman, and Thomas Shipp, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: John M Shipp, son of the veteran, in 1855 was a resident of Holmes County Mississippi and stated that his father was then deceased.]

[The veteran's claim was "suspended for further proof"]