

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Short R9534

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[Note: Use the following with caution—the penmanship of the scribe is particularly challenging and guesses abound.]

State of Ohio Clermont County to wit

On this ninth day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable George P. Torrence Pres. Judge [president judge] and Robert Plains, Israel Whitaker and John Emey Esquires Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Short of the Township of Ohio, County of Clermont, State of Ohio aged 71 years (on the 10th day of September next) 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 and served under the following named officers as herein stated. He was born on the 10th of September 1761 near Annapolis in the State of Maryland and from thence his father moved to Hampshire County State of Virginia and remained there until the year \_\_\_ (not remembered) where on the 1st of June he entered the service under the command of Captain Edward McCarty and John Vandiver was Lieutenant, he was drafted for two [?] months and rendezvoused at Romney, marched from there to Winchester and to Falmouth from thence to Fredericksburg about three miles from Fredericksburg started the British [?] went to Williamsburg, the Americans in pursuit until they came within three miles of Williamsburg and there encamped in an old field and stayed there a week or two, met with the French Army there, while at Williamsburg they were commanded by General Lee a fat man, marched to the college at Williamsburg and lay there till night in the college yard. They laid on their arms expecting an attack. There was a detachment here the main Army stayed at the camp. The next morning had orders to march out to the right of Williamsburg about half a mile from the town, joined there by the main Army and [indecipherable word] across the old fields expecting an attack but none took place, from there within two miles of a mill, and stayed there several days, while at this place fifty men or boys headed by an [indecipherable word or words, might be "Irishman"] went to the mill in which the British had stored some flour & took it away (deponent with them) and took it to camp. From thence marched down close to Little York and surrounded the place and bombarded it and [word partially obliterated] before it until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. On the night when deponent with the before mentioned detachment went into the college yard at Williamsburg they were commanded by Captain Cunningham. On one occasion when near Williamsburg deponent with three hundred on each wing were with the Light horse under the command of Lafayette, and remained probably a month under his command watching the movements of the British. He knew Captain Higgins and old General Morgan who commanded the riflemen he was with them at Williamsburg, and Colonel Dark [perhaps Lt. Col. William Darke] who also was with Morgan at said place after the surrender of Cornwallis

marched up in charge of the prisoners to the west of Winchester to a piece of ground that belonged to Darlington which he wanted to be cleared, & had a regular discharge signed by his Captain but has lost it a number of years. Several years after the war [he] resided in Hampshire County and moved from there to Mason County not far from Washington. From Washington moved to Ohio Township, Clermont County State of Ohio where he has resided for twenty-one years last on the same place on which he now lives. Chapman Archer Esquire and Elder William Robb know him in his present neighborhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. 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 in open Court August 9th, 1832

S/ John Short, X his mark

S/ J. D. Morris, Clerk Pro Tem

[William Robb and Chapman Archer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 5: Power of attorney dated January 24, 1853 executed by Isaac Short, 62, a resident of Clermont County of Ohio as the heir of John Short a revolutionary war soldier who died July 26, 1836 and Mary Short his mother who died July 2, 1839. He signed a power of attorney with his mark.]