

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Berryman Shumate (Shumat) R9552

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State of Georgia Chattooga County: On this the 7th day of July in the year 1854 personally appeared before me Francis A Kirby Probate Judge in and for the County Jane Shumate a resident of Chattooga County and State aforesaid aged eighty-three years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed the 17th day of June 1832

That she is the widow of Berryman Shumate who was a private and substitute of John Shumate who was drafted in Fauquier County Virginia some time in the year 1779 and served for two years or longer. That he was at the Surrender of the British troops at York Town the company and Regiment not remembered but commanded by Captain T. Helms that she was married to the said Berryman Shumate on the 11th day of February 1789 and has remained a widow [sic] ever since that her husband the aforesaid Berryman Shumate died in the month of December during the year 1802 in Columbia South Carolina. That she was not married prior to her husband's leaving the service but was married previous to 1800 viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow and has never been married since the death of her said husband. That she has never before made application for a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ Jane Shumat



State of Virginia Fauquier County, to wit

I William S Payne a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid do certify that Lewis Shumate Senior of the County and State aforesaid personally appeared before me; and after being sworn according to law; depose and said that he was personally acquainted with Berryman Shumate of the County and State aforesaid, before and after the Revolutionary war between Great Britain and the United States; that the said Berryman Shumate was his first cousin; and that the said Berryman Shumate entered service as a substitute in the place of his father John Shumate and he the said Lewis Shumate Senior went with the said Berryman Shumate some five miles; and that the said Berryman Shumate went on with said Army, or soldiers, and that the said John Shumate returned home and remained at home during said war between Great Britain and the United States; and that the said Berryman Shumate did not return until those that went with him dead, and he further saith that he verily believes that the said Berryman Shumate served the full time; which his father was entitled to serve in said war above mentioned; affiant says that he does not recollect the year; or the name of the Captain

under whom the said Berryman Shumate served: he further states that he is certain that the said Berryman Shumate went as a private, the said Lewis Shumate Senior further says that he is certain that Cornwallis and his Army were captured shortly after the said Berryman Shumate returned to his home in Virginia, and the said Lewis Shumate senior says on oath that he is in his 82nd year.

In testimony whereof the said Lewis Shumate senior has affixed his hand and attached his seal this 3rd day of June 1854.

S/ Lewis Shumate, Senior {Seal}

Lewis Shumate Sr.

A handwritten mark that appears to be a seal or a stylized signature, possibly containing the word "Seal" written in a cursive script.

[f p. 3: family record

Berryman Shumate was born November 21st 1761

Jane Shumate was born July the 1st [second digit written over and illegible], 1771 and was married the 11th February 1789]