

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mathias (Mathew) Shuck S14436

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State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

On this 3rd day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court, now sitting, but for the Justices of the Henry County court, now holding court in the said County of Henry and State of Kentucky – it being a court of record Mathias Shuck, a resident of the County of Henry and state of Kentucky – aged seventy-three 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated – to wit – under Captain Jacob Linder. That he was drafted for 6 months as a private in the Virginia militia. That he served the six months for which he was drafted as a private upward and a few days over the six months – but claims the pension only for the six months. That he entered the service and joined the Army at Little York on the 16th day of October 1781 – just before Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. That he was at the taking of Cornwallis. General Washington commanded & General Lincoln – The Frenchman Rochambeau & De Grasse were also commanding. That from old age & loss of memory he does not recollect the name of the Colonel or the number of the Regiment in which he served.

That after the surrender of Cornwallis, he continued in the Army & was one of the guard of the British Prisoners up to [indecipherable word] Barracks near Winchester in Virginia. Captain Linder was with us at the Barracks. That he does not recollect the name of the other officers.

That he continued at the Barracks guarding the prisoners until the last of April 1782 when he was discharged in writing but has long since lost his discharge by Captain Linder. That from old age & the consequent loss of memory he does not recollect the day of the month in which he was discharged – but he well recollects that it was the 16th day of October that he entered the service & that he was drafted for 6 months & that he served 6 months & some few days, not more than ten days – That he was discharged in the month of April 1782 by Captain Linder.

That when he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the County of Barkley [Berkeley] in the state of Virginia, that he was born in the year 1759 – but does not know the month. That his father had a record of his age as he has been informed but he never saw it & has none himself. That she has always understood from his relations that he was born in 1759. That he was born in the State of New Jersey & in the year 1760 went to Virginia. That after the revolutionary war was over he removed to the state of Kentucky, then at County of Virginia – where he has lived ever since & principally in the County of Henry where he now lives.

That he is well known in his present neighborhood to John Jones & Nicholas Smith who can testify to his character for veracity & that they believe that he served as a soldier of the

Revolution, as above stated.

That he has now no documentary evidence of his service – and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove his services.

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.

S/ Mathias Shuck, X his mark

[John Jones, a clergyman, and Nicholas Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 6 months.]