

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Blan Shiflet S15641

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State of Virginia, Orange County

On this twenty third day August 1833 1833 personally appeared before William H Standard & Daniel White Justice for the County afsd Blan Shiflet a resident of the County & State afsd aged eighty two years who being firs duly sworn (by reason of old age & infirmity is not able to attend Court) do on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed the 7th Ju[ne] 1832. That he entered the service of the United States un[der] the following named officers & served as herein Stated. He entered the service afsd in the Month of January 1778 for a tour of one month at the Albemarle Barracks under the Command [of] Capt Zachariah Herndon also officer Col Francis Taylor & serv[ed] my time & returned home & in July of the same date was drafted for a second tour of one month & served at the same place under the same officers served my tour returned home was shortly again drafted for another tour of one month & served at same place under Capt. Benjamin Wheeler [Benjamin Wheeler] serv[ed] my tour & in a short time was drafted for another tour of 1 month making in the whole 4 months at the Ba[rracks] last tour under Capt. Holman Rice. Then returned home & was drafted for a Militia Tour of two months under Capt. Isaac Davis & marched from the County of Albemarle (at that time being a resident of the same) marched to the County of Hanover & at Anderson's Mill joined the Army under the command of General Mulinburg [sic, Peter Muhlenberg] from thence to Spotsylvania Court house from thence to the Rackson [sic, Raccoon] Ford in the County of Culpeper & thence joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & marched to Boswell's old ordinary [tavern] and was discharged my time having expired, in the County of Louisa then returned home shortly after was again drafted for a second term of two months & served under Capt. John Haris [sic, Harris?] & marched to Williamsburg & there joined General Washington & marched from there to the seage [sic, siege] of York and was in the siege, continued my term out & was there discharged in Oct. 1781. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Blan Shiflet¹

I Samuel Ham of the County of Orange and State of Virginia hereby certify that I am and have been acquainted with Blan Shiflet for upwards of 50 years. I believe him to be a

¹ I do not believe that this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting is identical to the body of the document itself.

respectable man and a man of undoubted veracity. I was with him at the Albemarle Barracks for two terms of one month each first in January 1778 comded [sic, commanded] Zechariah Herndon, second Tour under the command of Lieutenant Subalfield [sic, Stubblefield?]. Given under my hand this twenty third day August 1833.

S/ Samuel Ham

Sworn and subscribed to this 23rd day August 1833 before us.

S/ W. H. Standard

S/ Daniel White

I Richard Snow aged 80 years do hereby certify that I was with Blan Shiflet at the siege of York and he served a tour of two months under Captain John Harris and was discharged at that place in October 1781. I have been acquainted with him for upwards of 50 years. He is generally respected and a man of truth. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1833.

S/ Richard Snow²

[Edward G. Ship, a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]