

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Shewmaker S17082

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State of Indiana Jackson County: SS

On this 4th day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable John F Ross President judge of the Second judicial Circuit in the State of Indiana & Judge of the Jackson Circuit Court now sitting Leonard Shewmaker a resident of Jackson County Indiana aged seventy-five years the nineteenth day of May last 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, agreeably to the best information he can obtain he was born in Goochland County Virginia on the 19th May 1757 his father's record being destroyed by fire – that he entered the Service to the best of his recollection in the month of February 1779 , he enlisted under Jesse Evans Captain Lieutenant Anthony Crockett, Major Thomas Quirk, Colonel John Montgomery and was discharged 10th of July 1780 was in some small engagements with the Indians he resided in Augusta County Virginia and enlisted in Russell County in said State and took water on big Hollstin [Holston] River a little below the big Island and descended the same to the mouth into the Tennessee River to its mouth & into the Ohio River the same to the Mississippi up the same to the Oakauw [?]¹, up the same to the Kaskaskia Village Continued there for two or three months from thence we returned up the Ohio & Wabash to Post Vincent [probably Vincennes] stayed there all winter until the next June, whilst at Post Vincent we was commanded by Lieutenant Wilson from thence we went down the River to Clarksburg a block house on the Mississippi at which place we was discharged which discharge is in the following words & figures to wit "Clark's bay July 10, 1780 This is to Certify that Leonard Shewmaker Soldier in Captain Evans Company in the Eloniys [Illinois] Battalion heath [hath] served from the time of his Inlistment until this date hereof & now is discharged from ye at his own request, Given under my hand this day Jno Montgomery, Lt. Col." when at Kaskaskia our Captain Evans & Lieutenant Crockett left us to go to Montgomery County to return, but never did return, in March 1781 he volunteered in Captain Kincaid's Company in Colonel Matthews' Regiment & marched to the lower part of Virginia and at the time Arnold [Benedict Arnold] was at Portsmouth and was in an engagement at James Town with the British, and was discharged at the end of three months, from the time of volunteering, And sometime in the month of July following he was as a Substitute in the place of John Auffell in Captain Gwins Company to the lower part of Virginia & was there dismissed and in August following under Captain Thomas Hicklin, & Colonel Vance was called from Augusta County Virginia to the Siege of York

¹ *Oakauw*

as a Substitute in whose place he does not recollect and after the surrender of the town by the enemy he was sent to guard the prisoners to Winchester Virginia & there discharged & that he has no other documentary evidence than that already inserted & that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, And that he is well known in his present neighborhood by David Johnson, Isaac Holeman & Colonel Jesse B Durham who will testify as to his character for veracity & 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 & subscribed the day & year 1st above written.

Leonard Shewmaker

P. S. Colonel Montgomery who commanded & whose ~~discharge~~ name is herein inserted was killed by the Indians on his return from Clarksburg.

[James Hutchinson & Jesse B Durham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Jackson County: SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Jackson Leonard Shewmaker who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss 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 periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for one-year and five months enlisted and served as a private, for three months as a volunteer as a private – for 28 days as a substitute for John Offall as a private, for three months as a substitute for Richard Bohannon as a private (his reasons why the affidavit of a Clergyman was not attached to his Declaration, is that there was none in the town or near the vicinity thereof) and for such services I claim a pension.

S/ Leonard Shewmaker

Solemnly affirmed under the pains & penalties prescribed by law before me the 25th day of March 1833

S/ Wm Williams, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]