

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Shaw S19078

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State of South Carolina Marion District} SS: On this 25th day of November 1851 personally appeared in open Court before the Undersigned, Judge of the Court of Ordinary now sitting, William Shaw a resident of said District aged ninety-two 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 7th of June 1832. That upon a requisition for troops in this State, he was drafted and left this District on the Great Pedee [Pee Dee River] to report at Charleston in company with a Mr. Davis Dewalt Turberville, James Wiggins, Jesse Wiggins and others he was stationed some time at Charleston, at Moncks Corner and Snows Island and in the Battle at Stono Ferry [June 20, 1779¹] and at Black Mingo Bridge² and at the latter place received a bullet through the crown of his hat, cutting the hair of his head, – was in Battle at the Blue Savannah³ was some time near Georgetown, when the British had possession when several plans of attack were made, and was near when Sergeant McDonald, charged upon Major Gainey,⁴ a Tory officer, when he stabbed him in the back with a Bayonet—was upwards of four years in actual service, during which time he served under Captains John Rogers, Shade Simons [Shadrach Simons?]; Moffett [John Moffett], Gasque, and Lieutenant Benjamin Munnerlyn, afterwards promoted to Captain and knew and served under Colonels Horry , Baxter [probably Jacob Baxter], Bratton [William Bratton] and Brandon [Thomas Brandon], and was discharged at the Bowling Green by General Francis Marion after peace was made – He further states that he is not a pensioner and never before has made application to be placed on the pension list, and that he has resided ever since his discharge in this District.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ Edward B. Wheeler

S/ W. Shaw



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¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² September 14, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html

³ September 4, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_blue_savannah.html

⁴ December 27, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_river_ferry_road.html

Be it Known that before me John McMillan, a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Jonah Collins 86 years of age, and upwards; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that he has resided in the District of Marion ever since his ___ [birth?] and that he is personally acquainted with William Shaw, a soldier of the Revolution. That he knows of his own Knowledge, that said Shaw served under the respective commands of Captain John Rogers and Captain Shade Simonds [sic], and distinctly recollects seeing said William Shaw at the Bowling Green where they were all discharged by General Marion after peace in 1783

S/ Jonah Collins, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of January 1852, and I do further certify that the above Jonah Collins appears to be of the age stated by him, that he is of sound memory of much intelligence and respectability

S/ John McMillan, Magistrate

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South Carolina Marion District} On this 20th day of December 1853 personally appeared before the subscriber a Magistrate within and for the District aforesaid, Jonah Collins who being duly sworn according to law says that he is now 87 years of age; that he has lived in this District since his birth; that he remembers well many persons who served in the war of the Revolution, that he has been acquainted from his early boyhood to this day with William Shaw who was a soldier in that war he knew Shaw then and remember seeing him in the company of Captain Shade Simonds, at this deponent's father's house when a man by the name of Butler was shot by Captain Simonds for a deserter this deponent says that he knew Shaw when he served some time under Captain John Rogers at a place called Snows Island near the Great Pedee River, remembers very well the battle of the Blue Savannah fought in this District saw Shaw soon afterwards in the command of Captain Benjamin Munnerlyn who told him this deponent many of the circumstances of the fight: that Shaw was stationed down about Charleston and Moncks corner some time as it was then talked of in the war being said who was called off there that it was then known and spoken of who was in the war from this District more so than any other Subject, and that this William Shaw now living in this District is the same man he this deponent then knew as a soldier that he saw him frequently during the war and is certain that his actual service could not be less than 2 years, that, at or near the close of the war the command of General Marion was stationed at the Bowling Green where he saw Shaw with many others whom this deponent knew at which place after peace they were all discharged. That Shaw has lived in this District ever since, and is several years older than this deponent, who has no interest of a pecuniary nature and state only what he knows to be true in the premises.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ John McMillan, Magistrate

S/ Jonah Collins, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 13 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]