

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Samuel Shepherd S21476
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State of Tennessee, Montgomery County Circuit Court August Term 1832

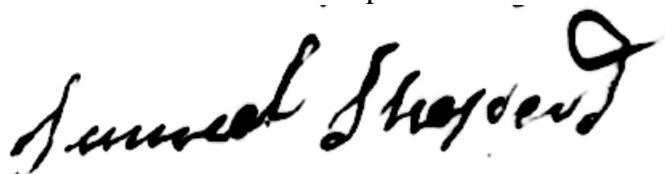
On the 28th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting for Montgomery County, Samuel Shepherd a resident of Montgomery County in the State of Tennessee aged sixty nine years lacking one month 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. At the time when the said Samuel Shepherd entered the service he was a resident of the State of North Carolina and of the County of Orange and lived about 18 miles from Hillsboro. He was born in the 28th day of September in the year 1763 as appears from a family record made by his father and now in his (the said Samuel's) possession, which he believes to be correct and true. He entered the service in the year 1780 and in the month of June as a drafted soldier in the North Carolina line of militia and at the time he was drafted he lived with Edward Trice who is now living and a resident of this County and will swear to many of the facts which I shall state in this declaration. He was drafted for a 3 months tour under Capt Ray, who was afterwards either broke or resigned and was succeeded by his 1st Lieutenant Horton in the command of the company. He was ordered under a major who as well as he recollects was by the name of Nalls or Nawls, into South Carolina under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates] and arrived at Rugeley's Mills near Cambden [sic, Camden or, as known at that time "Pine Tree"] about a day before the defeat of Gates. When that disastrous battle took place he was not in the battle in consequence of his being detached to guard the baggage waggons [sic, wagons]. But as soon as the defeat took place, a general retreat was ordered and the rest of this sad disaster is but too faithfully recorded in history. After returning home and his term of service being expired, he was again drafted immediately to suppress and hold in check the Tories in North Carolina. His captain's name was Mark Patterson and his General Malbady [sic, Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmady (also Malmedy, Malmèdy)] or some such a name. He was a Frenchman or of French descent. This was a horse company and the tour only of 2 months duration. Whilst out on this tour there was a battle at Lindley's Mill [fought September 13, 1781] between the Whigs and Tories in which he (the said Samuel) had a brother killed, but he was not in it himself. He was in a skirmish which took place between the Whigs and Tories at Cocke's Mills [sic, Cox's Mill?] a short time after the battle at Lindley's Mills in which he took an active part and in the pursuit of the Tories he was very near capturing the Tory Col. whose name was Fanning [David Fanning]. He pursued him more than a mile but the Col's horse proved the fleetest and he escaped. Cocke's Mill stood on Deep River and Lindley's on Haw River. Then he served another tour as a drafted soldier under Captain Benjamin

Herndon the object being the same to hold the Tories, who were very numerous in check. The Major's name and Col's not recollected in this tour of 2 months (Colonel O'Neal was an officer whilst he was on duty upon the first 2 months tour mentioned which he did not recollect at the time of speaking about it). There was no fighting that he could recollect whilst under Capt. Herndon. The next and last tour he served in a troop of horse under Capt. Billy Douglass and seldom were out of Orange County, the Tories being so numerous there that all the time of the troop was occupied in keeping them in subjection. This also was a 2 months tour and he was drafted soldier. No fighting took place of any note. The company was however continually on the alert reconnoitering the County and frustrating the schemes of the Tories. The County through which he marched was principally upon Haw and Deep Rivers. He while under General Malmady arrived at Guilford Courthouse the evening after the battle between Cornwallis & Greene. This officer was his General in the two first named 2 months tours as well as he now recollects. The other officers names now remembered are the Baron de Globack¹ and General Butler [John Butler].

He states that Malmady did not join Greene at Guilford but that he might have been of immense service to him if he had done so. He was no documentary evidence to prove his service and no discharge. The facts stated are true but his recollections of the dates of service after the first tour of duty is very indistinct owing to the great lapse of time that has intervened and the belief that it would never be necessary—his only witness now living, that he knows of is Edward Trice who served with him one tour and knows of his having served all for he was in the neighborhood and a part of the tour his house was his home. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or Agency of any State.

S/ Samuel Shepherd

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel Shepherd". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day & year afsd.

S/ P N Man, Clk. [signature very difficult to make out—could easily be mistaken]

[Robert McCorkle, a clergyman, and Edward Trice gave the standard certificate of veracity &c]

[This file also contains the answers to the War Department's 7 interrogatories given by an applicant whose name appears to be "John Anthony" [first name is legible, the second name is very difficult to decipher and may well not be "Anthony"] who says he was living in NC when first called into service. The answers to the interrogatories are attested by P. W. Humphreys, JP. The veteran says he is living in Tennessee; thinks he is between 80 and 90 years old; served under Col. Abraham Shepherd, Richard Caswell; served as substitute for "Mathews"; discharged by Co. Benjamin Axum [sic, Benjamin Exum]. No file for a soldier by this name could be located on HeritageQuest's site.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ Heitman p 250 lists a Baron Glasbeech who was brevetted a captain in the Continental Army March 9, 1781, "in consideration of his merit and services at the Battle of Cowpens."