

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Friederich Sheibeler (Sheibler) S23910

A11VA¹

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Westmoreland County SS

On the 11th day of April 1831 Personally appeared in open Court John Gunnels [sic] who on his oath saith that he served in 3rd Regiment of light dragoons, first Commanded by Colonel George Baylor, afterwards by Colonel William Washington usually called Colonel Washington's Regiment of the Virginia Line, ^{Continental Establishment} and I know that Frederick Sheibler [sic], now of Westmoreland County belonged to said Regiment in Captain Stith's Company and that he was commonly called in the Regiment the "dutch boy"² he was in the regiment when the deponent Enlisted which was in May 1780. The deponent does not know how the said Sheibler left the Army and further Saith not.

Sworn & subscribed in

Open Court

Attest

S/ Randal McLaughen Probt.

S/ John Gunnell³



Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County SS

On the 20th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now Sitting Frederick Sheibler a resident of Hempfield Township in said County & State aged Sixty nine 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. That he enlisted in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland in the Company Commanded by Captain John Stith in the Regiment commanded by Captain [sic, Lt. Col.] William Washington in the Virginia line about the last of the year 1779 or beginning of

¹ This veteran's pension application is erroneously indexed among the Vermont veterans on Fold3.com. It is indexed under the Virginia veterans in Ancestry.com's database.

² C. Leon Harris suggests this is a corruption of "Deutsch Boy" and that the veteran was of German, not Dutch descent.

³ [John Gunnell S4062](#)

1780 he can't Exactly recollect, for the Term of three years that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the 6th of May AD 1781 when he was taken prisoner by the British on the Santee River and taken on board a prison Ship in the harbor of Charleston South Carolina, and kept there as near as he can recollect about a year and was then pressed aboard of an English Frigate & taken to Kingston Jamaica, and from that he Escaped from the vessel and remained in the West Indies four years before he got home, in which time many misfortunes befell him. He therefore never got a discharge, he was born near Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1783. He has no record of his Age, after he was Enlisted he marched to Philadelphia, The Regiment of Col. Washington, with Deponent marched through the Jerseys from Pennsylvania, and from there went to Fredericksburg in Virginia, from that to North Carolina, and from that marched into South Carolina, and joined Count Pulaski near the Santee River. The manner of Deponent being made Prisoner was, he was out with a scouting party which had taken fifteen Prisoners and having stopped on the South Banks of the Santee in the night to refresh their horses, were overtaken by a Strong party of the British and all captured, after Deponent returned to the United States he resided near Hagerstown in the State of Maryland for two years and then removed to Hempfield Township Westmoreland County where he has resided ever since, Simon Drum Esquire, Robert Rugh Esquire Jacob Hegers, Hon'ble John Young, George Mechling, William vandyke, & Richard Coulter Esquire, are well acquainted with my character. Deponent has no documentary Evidence of his Service. 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 & Subscribed

the day & year aforesaid

the 20th of August 1832 before S/ Randal McLaughten, Prot.

S/ [undeciphered]



[Nicolas P. Hacke, a clergyman, and Simon Drum, both residents of Greensburg, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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