

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shoun S31360

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared before David Campbell a Justice of the Peace in and for Green County Kentucky, John Shoun a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 years the 16th of January next, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 – he states that he entered the Service of the United States in Augusta County State of Virginia that he was drafted and served three weeks under the command of Captain Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan] in the militia, that this service was rendered in an expedition against the Shawnee Indians, the date of the year in which this service was rendered he does not recollect –

John Shoun further states that he entered the service again in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1778 or in the year 1779 to the best of his recollection, that he was drafted for three months in the militia and entered into service under the command of Captain Thomas Smith, that he marched under said commander against the British and marched from Augusta County to Richmond, that he served four weeks or nearly so, of the three months for which he had been drafted as aforesaid, and there being no further need of his services he was discharged by Captain Thomas Smith at Richmond but that said discharge is lost –the said John Shoun further states that he entered the service again in Augusta County Virginia in October 1781, that he was drafted for a tour of six months which time he served out fully, that he was under the command of Captain Bush who was a Captain in the Regular Service, to the best of his recollection, that he was stationed a part of the six months at Richmond and served as a guard under Captain Bush in guarding the refugees who were imprisoned at Richmond; that he served the residue of the six months by the orders of Captain Bush in driving a team and hauling provisions &c to Richmond; that this service was not on a civil contract but by the orders of Captain Bush under whom he was drafted as aforesaid, that after serving out the tour of 6 months as above stated he was discharged at Richmond by Captain Bush but that said discharge is lost; the said John Shoun further states that he has no documentary evidence and is unable from bodily infirmity to attend court, 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 agency of any state. –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Shoun, X his mark

[On September 4, 1832 in Green County Kentucky, Samuel McCorkle¹ gave a supporting

¹ [Samuel McCorkle S30956](#)

affidavit saying that he lived in the neighborhood and was well acquainted with John Shoun at the time he lived in Augusta County Virginia and knew of the reputation he had as being a soldier of the revolution. Likewise, Katharine Buckhannon gave a supporting affidavit in which she says that she often saw the veteran muster in the militia company whose muster ground was at her house in Augusta County. She also testified as to his reputation in Augusta County as having been a soldier of the revolution.]

Amended Declaration

On this 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me David Campbell a Justice of the Peace in and for Green County Kentucky John Shoun who being duly sworn states, that he has no record of his age but from information he has received of his parents he was born in Frederick County State of Maryland in the year 1760 and that his parents moved to Augusta County Virginia when he was a small boy and that he resided in Augusta County Virginia until about 30 or 31 years past at which time he moved to Kentucky where he has continued to reside to the present time and most of the time in Green County – he further states that he is not now certain whether he will be able to procure the testimony of a clergyman or not as there is none living in his immediate neighborhood – he states that he is well acquainted with Isaac Tate and John Buckhannon who can testify as to his character for truth and the general report of his neighborhood –

S/ John Shoun, X his mark

[Samuel McCorkle and Katharine Buckhannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

This day Isaac Tate personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and being 1st by me duly sworn according to law, stated on oath, that he is well acquainted with John Shoun of said County, also Samuel McCorkle and Katharine Buckhannon & Archibald S Buckhannon, all of whom reside in his neighborhood, all of whom he would state from his knowledge of them are credible persons, and that their statements may be relied on, with John Shoun he has been acquainted 30 years intimately and has always understood & learnt in the neighborhood where he lived, that he was a soldier in the revolution and he concurs in the Belief of his having served as a soldier in the American Army, he believes him to be 72 or 3 years of age – with Samuel McCorkle he has likewise been acquainted 30 or more years; and 30 years, since he has heard, said McCorkle speak of his services in the South, under Captain Buckhannon, and against the Indians & he thinks he has also learnt in his from him that he was in the battle at Hot Water [also known as the battle of Spencer's Tavern June 26, 1781], This affiant's father, fell in the Battle at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781] & he has understood Captain Patrick Buckhannon was also there; it has been the tradition and mother of the neighborhood where he lives for many years that said McCorkle was a soldier of the revolution in the United States Army – he is of opinion that said McCorkle is 72 years of age or more and he concurs in the belief that he did serve as he has stated. Katharine Buckhannon is at least 70 or upwards of 70 years of age, and lived in Augusta County Virginia during the revolution – John Shoun and is an old and very infirm & hapless man – there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood, nor anyone nearer him than from 6 to 10 miles, & it is uncertain whether any clergyman may have a knowledge of the tradition of the neighborhood where said McCorkle & Shoun reside as to their services in the American revolution – sworn to and subscribed the 26 day of April 1833 before

me a Justice of the Peace for Green County Kentucky

S/ Jos Richeson, JP

S/ Isaac Tate

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 19 days in the Virginia militia.]