

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Sherill (Sherrell, Sherrill) S31362
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[The following application of 1818 is not included in the HeritageQuest version, and it is in a separate file under the name James Sherrell on Footnote.com.]

James Sherrell aged 56 years

this 28th day of May 1818 personally appeared before me Christopher Tompkins judge of the Circuit Court of Green County and designing to take the benefit of the law of the Congress of the United States, makes Oath, that some time in the year 1780 he believes in the fall of the year, he enlisted as a soldier in the american continental Service, in the revolutionary war, with Great Britain, in the company of Captain S Stribling [Samuel Stribling] and in the regiment of Colo. Sam'l. Hawes [Samuel Hawes], in the Continental army and in the Virginia line, for eighteen months. the said Sherrill makes Oath that he served from the time of his said enlistment for the said 18 months untill in January 1782 was discharged in Salisbury in north Carolina, honorably, and obtained a written discharge, which is herewith filed marked J. S. He farther states that from reduced circumstances and being old, stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, when he was discharged the whole of the regiment was discharged [signed] James Sherill

The Bearer hereof James Sharel Solder in 2^d Virginia Detachment Capt Stribling Company having served Eighteen months Being the Turm for which he was Ingaged is hereby Discharged from said detachment in which we Certify he hath Behaved as a Brave and faithfull Solder

Given at this day of Jany 1782 S. Stribling Capt
S. Snead Maj Comm[andan]t.

To the Honorable John C Calhoun Secretary of the Department of War Christopher Tompkins sole Judge for the eighth Judicial district State of Kentucky do hereby certify that on this day to wit 26th of August 1818 James Spellman proved by his oath before me that he was acquainted with James Sherrel when in the service of the united states in the year 1781 and that he was a soldier in the army of the united states under the command of general Green he further proved that he is now acquainted with said Sherral and that his circumstances are low and reduced and he believes he stands in need of assistance from his government

District of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 24th day of July 1820 personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Green James Sherrill aged 58 years resident in said district & County of Green, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit.

In the 2nd. Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo Samuel Haws of the line of the State of Virginia in the company of Capt. Sam'l. Striplin (as he thinks) but refers to his discharge) which will more fully appear by his affidavit in the office of the Secretary of War under date the 28th day of May 1818 on which issued a pension Certificate No. 10295 and dated 7th May 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or

securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

One horse & Colt \$75. five horses \$200. 11 head of cattel \$80. Stock of hogs \$20. four sheep \$4. One waggon & Geer \$50. One Bond of \$10.

I am justly indebted to different persons to the amount of \$300. I have no money. I have one son living with me 19 years old who together with myself is now able to support my family but he will soon be of age & leave me – all of the rest of my children having become of age & left me. James Sherrill

District of Kentucky County of Green Sct.

On this 27th day of February 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the Green Circuit at Greensburgh in the County of Green James Sherrill resident in said County aged 65 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of the Congress of the United States of America of the 18th day of March 1818 the 1st day of May 1820 and the 1st day of March 1823 that the said James Sherrill enlisted and served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War as follows in the redgiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Haws of the Virginia State line on the continental establishment in Captain Samuel Striplins company which will more fully appear by his declaration affidavit and discharge now in the office of the secretary of war under date 28th day of May 1818 and which issued a pension certificate number 10.295 and dated 7th day of May 1819. and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (Towit) –

One tract of poor land little [title?] disputed of 269 acres	
worth as per valuation	269.00
Kind and under like circumstances	100.00
six head of horses worth	120.00
one old waggon & gear worth	20.00
Four head of young cattle	8.00
Eight Do. young hogs	4.00
Eight Do. of Sheep	4.00
Two feather Beds	40.00
one desk & Cupboard	35.00
one cross cut saw 2 tables & a plow	<u>10.00</u>
	\$610.00

I have no money and I am indebted about forty dollars and about two or three dollars owing to me, since my last schedule was exhibited, my property has increased in value, as will be seen by comparison; to state all the changes and alterations in the same I could not. Stock has been raised died and consumed & have brought lands paid debts and collected debts and other trades & trafficks to leave me what is contained in the above schedule –

my family at present consists of my self and wife with a son his wife and two small children, my wife is aged 64 years I am infirm and subject to Rheumatic pains, at intervals not enabled to labour at any business which requires any considerable bodily exertion but can perform occasionally some light work. my son occasionally renders some assistance to me but principally provides for his own family. The ream of my Belly has a few years past been broken so that I suffer much inconvenience therefrom, and need the

assistance of my country as I have assisted to the procure its indipendance — James Sherrill

[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky Green County & Circuit Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 James Sherrill personally appeared in open court, in the Green Circuit Court (and State aforesaid) now sitting, a resident of Green County, and state aforesaid, aged 70 years next October, 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 June 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Towit he inlisted and served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Haws of the Virginia State line on continental establishment in Captain Samuel Striplins company, which will appear by his declaration & affidavit, and discharge now on file in the office of Secretary at War, under date 28th May 1818 on which issued a pension certificate number 10.295 and date 7th day of May 1819. That he inlisted in the state of Virginia at Culpeper Courthouse, in 1780, the month not recollected he enlisted for 18 months, but he continued for some time after the term of his enlistment was out, he was discharged at Sallsbury in North Carolina in January 6th day 1782 was in the battles at Cambden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], and the siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1718]. He drew a pension under the act of 1818 but was dropped from the list of pensioners under said act, after the passage of the act of congress of 1820, on account of his property exceeding in value what it was thought by the Secretary of war it should to authorize a pension – he made two unsuccessful efforts to be reinstated on the pension roll since – at the time he drew his pension in 1819, he lived in Green County Kentucky and has continued to reside there since, & now resides in said county. He is the same individual stated & referred to in the pension certificate numbered as above stated – he also during the revolution served in the Militia at the Abermarle [sic: Albemarle] Barracks guarding prisoners of war but how long exactly he cannot say – one month he is sure & thinks it was two but of this he is not so certain as to state so positively – at the Barracks there were officers regularly constituted, but who was the Colonel he does not recollect. he remembers that Major John Roberts was an officer amongst others commanding there at the time he was there in service.

He is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and hereby relinquishes all & every other claim to a pension or annuity whatever from the Government of the United States – given under his hand & seal, subscribed & swon to as above stated

[signed] James Sherill

NOTE: On 23 Mar 1855 James Sherill applied for bounty land giving his age as 90. He signed with his mark, certified by James H. Sherrill and Dorothy A. Sherrill