

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Shy (Sky) S31369

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State of Kentucky Mercer County Court

On this 6th day of May A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court, Jesse Shy, a resident citizen of Mercer County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-three 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted for 12 months in the Army of the revolution under Captain William Lytle of Orange County North Carolina in the month of November or December in the year 1779, and was mustered into the service at Hillsborough, he marched from Hillsborough to Salisbury and joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle the number he cannot now recollect and was stationed there until our Regiment was completed. We then took charge of the prisoners that were taken in the Battle of Guilford Court house, and marched them to Ashley Hill near Charlestown where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was encamped with the Main Army, upon our arrival near the camp with the prisoners at the first picket guard we blindfolded them and marched them into camp, when a Captain Moore took charge of them and marched them to Charleston where they were exchanged, we then joined the Main Army, under the command of General Greene then stationed at Ashley Hill, the British lay in Charleston, while I was stationed here my 12 months tower of Service expired, I then entered Captain Moore's company of Infantry as a substitute for one Hector McNeil who gave \$150 in Continental money to serve a tower of 6 months in his place, and was received as a substitute in his place, while relay at Ashley Hill a large detachment of the British marched from Charleston in the direction of Camden General Greene having learned their movements, marched with a large detachment and came up with them at the Eutaw Springs where we had a severe Battle, I will relate one fact that [occurred] during the engagement. At this place there is an uncommonly large spring the Main battle was fought a little below it in an old field and such was the severity of the contest that the Branch was damned up with the dead and wounded and the water was bloody for some distance below where the battle was fought and our soldiers were compelled to drank it, from this place we marched back to Ashley Hill and remained there until the British left Charleston on board their ships, General Greene then marched in and took possession of the city, my 2nd tower having expired I was sent round to Wilmington in North Carolina where I was honorably discharged after having served faithfully one year and 6 months -- I know of no person living in this State by whom I can prove my services. I have long since lost or mislaid my discharge and I do hereby relinquish every other Claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Shy, X his mark

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, and Samuel Banta [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]