Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Shelton Eidson S32231
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Georgia } On this 8th day of February 1834 personally appeared before the
Morgan County } Court of Ordinary of the County and State aforesaid Shelton Eidson a resident of Morgan County and State of Georgia aged about Eighty one years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the provission made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the the year 1778 [sic] in the County of Bedford and State of Virginia under the command of Captain Hugh Woodson [sic: Hughes Woodson] first Lieutenant William Porter rendevoused at Petersburg Virginia the detachment commanded by Col. Abram Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford] marched from thence [almost] to Charleston South Carolina but could not get in consequence of the enemy having surrounded the City after the surrender of the City to the British [12 May 1780] Col. Bluford was defeated [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May] a great part of his men either killed or wounded; after the defeat, rendezvoused at Chesterfield Courthouse in the State of Virginia after Gen [Horatio] Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] marched to Hillsborough [NC] from thence I was dispatched to carry some tories to Halifax County Virginia and some British to Albemarle Barracks [near Charlottesville] and having passed to Halifax and gave up the tories went from thence to Richmond in the State of Virginia and there was discharged my term of enlistment having expired some time in the year 1780. The precise time this deponent cannot precisely state, which contained the ful term of Eighteen months. this deponent further states that he has no other evidence and knows of no person by whom he could establish the same. He relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid Shelton hisXmark Eidson

NOTE: In the file is a letter stating that Eidson died 1 Aug 1834, and his widow died 15 July 1841, and inquiring whether any pension is due to the children, one of whom was a pauper supported by the county in which he lived.