

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Harmon Shumaker S32512

MD NC

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The State of Alabama } County Court, in vacation 1834
Fayette County } On this 12th day of May 1834 personally appeared in vacation before
Walter Hawkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County Alabama Harmon Shumaker a resident of
said County aged about 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

The he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the first of June 1776 in
Frederick town in the State of Maryland under Captain Maroney [Philip Meroney, pension application
R6911] the Colonels name not recollected, and marched from Frederick town to New York and joined
Gen'. Washington. From New York up East River from thence to the White Plains and was in the Battle
of White plains [28 Oct 1776] when Gen'l. [Israel] Putnam was commander in Chief from thence up
North River and thence on to Philadelphia and was there stationed until I was discharged which was about
Christmas. After I returned home I removed with my relations to The State of North Carolina Randolph
County. Some time in March 1779 I again entered the service as a substitute for David Prower under
Captain [James] Bell the Colo. name not recollected under General [John] Butler and Marched from
Randolph County across Savannah River to the mouth of Briar Creek in the State of Georgia and from
thence to Stono near Charleston South Carolina and was placed as a guard over the waggons at the time of
the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] at which place I remained until I was discharged some
time in June 1779, at which time I returned home to Randolph County where I remained until some time
in December 1780 when I again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain
Hindes [sic: John Hinds] my Col's name not recollected under General Litteral [probably Col. John
Luttrell] and marched from Randolph to Chatham County to the Barracks and from thence to near Cross
Creek [present Fayette NC] thence on to Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River and thence on to the Yadkin and
joined General Green's Army [sic: Nathanael Greene, early February 1781] and thence on to Dan River in
North Carolina [sic: in Virginia, 14 Feb 1781] and was there discharged some time in March 1781 making
in all full twelve months and for such service I claim a Pension. My discharges are all lost or destroyed
I have no documentary evidence neither do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can
testify to my services

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare
that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Harmon hislmark Shumaker

[Answers to interrogatories.]

- Ans 1. I was born in the State of New Jersey on delaware River in the Dutch [possibly meaning German]
Settlements in the year 1761
- Ans 2. Now I have no record of my age only from information
- Ans 3. I was living near Frederickstown in the State of Maryland the first time that I was called into
service, each of the succeeding times I was living in Randolph County in the State of North
Carolina and Now in Alabama
- Ans 4. The first time I entered the Service as a volunteer, the second as a substitute the third as a
volunteer
- Ans. 5. I do not recollect the names of all the officers who commanded me owing to my being of Dutch
descent and unable to speak or understand English well at that time
- Ans 6. I received a discharge each time from my Captain but they are all lost or destroyed

NOTES:

A Treasury-Department document states that W. B. Shumaker of Winston County MS,

administrator of the estate of Harmon Shumaker, received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 1 Oct 1846.

On 26 April 1858 Jesse Shumaker, 59, of Choctaw County MS, applied for a pension as one of the children of John Harmon Shumaker, who left a widow named Elizabeth Shumaker, who died on 1 May 1844, and another surviving child, Henry Shumaker.