

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Shepherd S32516

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State of Ohio Athens County

On this 15th day of November in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for said County of Athens Charles Shepherd of Alexander Township in said County 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland December 25, 1763 as he was told by his parents and is now in his 69th year.

2nd. He has no record of his age of any kind.

3rd. He was living at Winchester Virginia when both the first and second time he entered the service, he having previously for a time resided in Pennsylvania. From Winchester after the War of the Revolution he removed to Redstone Pennsylvania, and from thence to Ohio where he has now resided about 36 years.

4th. The year before Cornwallis' surrender, he being then in his 16th year, during the harvest season, he cannot state precisely the month or day of the month, turned out as a volunteer in a Company raised to guard the magazine and public stores at said Winchester in Virginia and served a tour of three months under an officer who was called Colonel Wood. The year following which was the year of Cornwallis' surrender, being as he believes the year 1781, sometime in the month of September, he was drafted in a company commanded by Captain James Dunbar of said Winchester for the purpose of joining the siege of Yorktown, but before arriving at that place, met the Prisoners at Fauquier [County], and was employed in guarding them till sometime in January or February following when the Prisoners were transferred to the Maryland Troops to be guarded he having served at that time something more than five months. He thinks within 10 say 15 days of 6 months, and he sincerely believes he is entitled to a pension for at least 8 1/2 months performed as above stated.

5th. Being young at the time and very thoughtless he does not remember the names of any other officers who were in command at Winchester during the term of three months which he served there except the said Colonel Wood whom he well recollects and it is his impression that the said Colonel Wood was the only officer there, as the company or guard consisted of only a small number of men, he thinks not exceeding 25 or 30 at a time. During his second tour of 5 1/2 months he remembers that he served under Captain James Dunbar; but does not distinctly recollect the name of other officers. He believes there were three or four Companies employed in guarding the British Prisoners taken at Yorktown. They first met the Prisoners as he has stated

at Fauquier, where they remained a week or more; thence were marched through Culpepper to Winchester where they remained until the last of January or 1st part of February, when the Prisoners were removed to Maryland by way of Philadelphia and the weather he recollects was extremely cold so much so that 3 of the prisoners were frozen to death in crossing the Potomac and were buried on the bank. From Shepherdstown he marched back to the magazine at Winchester with his company where they stored their arms and were dismissed in the month of February he thinks.

6th. He states he received discharges for both his terms of service, but is utterly unable to recollect what became of them.

7th. He is known to Reverend Enos Thompson & Reverend Asa Stearns Clergyman living in Athens County, and to many others in this neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or territory.

S/ Charles Shepherd, X his mark

[Asa Stearns, a clergyman and Michael Boblet gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file in 1841, the veteran while living in Adams County Illinois, filed for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Illinois agency stating that he had moved there with Benjamin Ramsey whose wife is the only relation that he has now living that he knows of. Her relationship to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.] to that she