

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Shipman S32518

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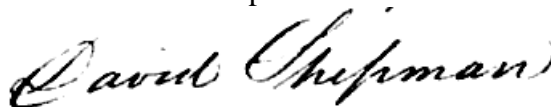
State of Illinois Tazewell County: SS

On the second day of September in the year of our Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court now sitting David Shipman a resident of the aforesaid County and State aged sixty-seven 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 A.D. 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated volunteered in the month of September A.D. 1780 in the Rifle company commanded by Captain Robert Cravens place of Rendezvoused on the Swift run Gap on the Shenandoah River in Virginia & marched from thence to Hillsboro North Carolina & there joined the Army under General Greene, General Robert Stevens [sic, probably Edward Stevens] Commanded the Militia, Went into winter quarters at Cross Creek near the Cheraw Hills, South Carolina was engaged in a skirmish at the Island Ford on Yadkin River was discharged and returned home in the month of March 1781 was out about seven months received a discharge but has lost it, was called out to oppose Tarleton's Cavalry at the Blue Ridge had no engagement was out about 10 days and returned. Officers not recollected, Was born in Rockingham County Virginia on the 15th day of August A.D. 1765 resided there until 27 years of age then moved to Kentucky lived there till 1827 when he removed to this County. Has no documentary testimony but can refer to Peter Cartwright on Salt Creek in Sangamon County in this State

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid
S/ J. I. Morgan, Clk

S/ David Shipman¹



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[James Hawey and William Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Tazewell County: Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Peter Cartwright² who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the declaration made on oath by David Shipman before the County Commissioners of said

¹ I am not convinced that this is the actual signature of the veteran since the handwriting appears to me to be identical to the body of the document itself.

² FPA R1759

County on the 2nd day of September A.D. 1833 is substantially correct to the best of his knowledge & belief he having served in the same Corps & being personally acquainted with said Shipman while in the Army of the Revolution & has known him since.

S/ Peter Cartwright, X his mark

State of Illinois County of Tazewell: SS

On this the 3rd day of June 1839 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Commissioners Court of said Tazewell County now sitting, David Shipman, a resident of said Tazewell County, Illinois, aged seventy-four 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: In October 1780 he started from Rockingham County, in the State of Virginia, as a drafted militia man for 6 months, under the command of Captain Robert Cravens, and marched to Hillsboro, Fayette County [sic, Orange County North Carolina], in North Carolina, and joined the rest of the militia of the State of Virginia at general Nathanael Greene's headquarters, and was under the command of General Stevens. He served six months on that campaign – or nearer seven, having escorted the prisoners taken by General Daniel Morgan at the Cowpens as far as Winchester – Virginia. His Company was the Rifle Company. He was 2 1/2 months with his wagon after returning home hauling hemp to Philadelphia and clothing for the Army back again.

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above.

S/ David Shipman

[Neill Johnson, a Minister of the gospel, and John Walden gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

No. 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in then Augusta taken by Rockingham County Virginia in 1765

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have a record in my Bible in Missouri

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived in Rockingham when called into service afterwards in Fayette County & Shelby Kentucky and now in Tazewell, Illinois

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer – I turned out a volunteer with many others, and went with the Rockingham Militia.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer – Colonel Lee, and Colonel Washington, who fought at the cow pens – I knew also Captain Yancey, Graves, Rinker, Jamison, all of Virginia line – Aid de camp Clayton and Williams

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer – I received none being sent home by General D. Morgan with the prisoners to Winchester Virginia

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

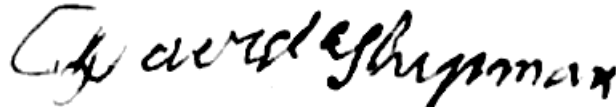
Answer – Benjamin Briggs, Esquire a magistrate of our County – John Walden, formerly Constable and Squire Jesse Shanklin –

State of Illinois Tazewell County SS

Be it known that before me Jonas H Hittle a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared David Shipman a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-eight years who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he served six months actual service in the Revolutionary War under Captain Robert Cravens in the Regiment commanded by General Stephens [Edward Stevens] that he entered the service as a volunteer for six months in Rockingham County State of Virginia in the fall of 1780, that his services aforesaid was proven by Peter Cartwright before the County Commissioners Court of Tazewell about the year 1834 and he supposes was sent to Washington City with his declaration made at that time in said Court which was prepared by a Mr. Kellogg from which he never got a return, nor never received a pension certificate, although he is now informed by Daniel Hay late Pension agent that his name was reported to him at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing the 4th of March 1831 under the act of the 7 June 1832, and I the said Jonas H Hittle do certify that I have been acquainted with said David Shipman for seventeen years past and knows him to be a man a man of veracity and respectability and know that he has been an applicant for a pension and that there is no other David Shipman in this County to my knowledge nor has there ever been. Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of October 1848 [could be 1849 or 1843]

S/ J. H. Hittle, JP

S/ David Shipman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Shipman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]