

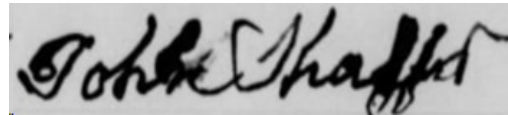
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Shaffer (Sheaffer, Schaeffer) S35069
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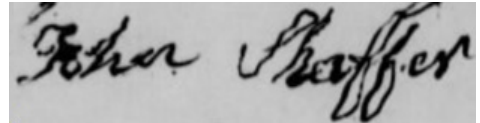
District of Pennsylvania, ss.

On this 21st day of May 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, personally appears John Shaeffer aged sixty six years, resident in Lancaster County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Shaeffer enlisted in the town of Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania in the year 1781 in the company commanded by Captain John Pryce [sic: John Bryce] of the Regiment of Colonel Christie in the Pennsylvania line that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the month of September or October 1783, when he was discharged from service in the City of Philadelphia state of Pennsylvania, that he was never in any battle and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support;

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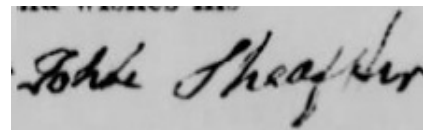
District of Pennsylvania Ss.

On this [blank] day of Feb. 1819 before me the subscriber President Judge of the second Judicial District of the State of Pennsylvania personally appears John Shaffer aged sixty seven years resident in Lancaster County, in the said District who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," that the said Shaffer enlisted in the town of Lancaster State of Pennsylvania in the year 1775 in the company commanded by Capt Mathew Smith and marched thence to Boston and thence to Quebec under the command of Col [Benedict] Arnold and was then in the service of the United States above twelve months and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Shaffer". The script is cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

County of Baltimore ss.

On this ninth day of March 1820, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Baltimore personally appeared John Schaeffer who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Mathew Smith in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Pennsylvania from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the state (district, or territory) of Maryland, City of Baltimore where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future.

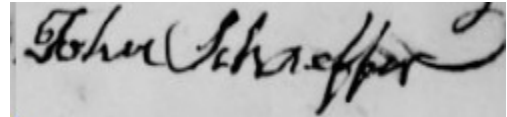
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United States of America
Maryland, District

ON this fifth day of September 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record in the District Court in and for the said District of Maryland John Shaffer aged Sixty Nine years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said District who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted in the Town of Lancaster in the year 1775, in Capt Matthew Smith Company of Riflemen march'd to Prospect Hill, near Boston from thence transeptord under Col. Arnold by water to newbury Port [sic: Newburyport MA] thence through the Wilderness, to canady & was present at the siese of Quebec under Gen. [Richard] Montgomery ware taken Prisoner & afterwards exchanged. Reenlisted at Lancaster under Capt John Brice in the summer of 1781 in what was could [Thomas] Proctor's Artillery march'd to the sotherd & when peace was announced was on James's Island [James Island SC] from whence transported by water to Pild'a. there discharged by Capt Brice That he made his original Declaration before the Hon'l. Judge Franklin on or about 21 May 1818 at Lancaster in Pennsylvania as pr certificate No 7028 which has been under date of 4th March 1820 Transferred to the Maryland agency.
and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule Viz

Property none of any kind or nature whatever except his wearing apparel That he is by trade a Tobaconist but unable to work at the business in Consequence of the loss of Eye sight & debility from advanced age. That he has no family and has been for Some years past to[tal]y dependent on his friends for subsistance. That he is in such reduced circumstances as to require the assistance of his country for support and ware it not for the Pension he reveivs he would not be able to support himself except from Private or Public charity

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Shaffer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate indicates that Shaffer died on 14 Dec 1838.