

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Short S36301

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Kentucky Green County

Personally appeared Joshua Short before me Christopher Tompkins, Judge of the Green Circuit Court and made oath that he served in the Continental Army under Captain Peter Doom [probably Peter Dunn] in the Virginia Line 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Hendrick [probably James Hendricks] went into service early in the year 1776 and was discharged in March 1778 the 28th day, has lost his discharge, is sixty six years of age, was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Jeamentown [Germantown, October 4, 1777], lay all winter at the Valley Forge Camp, Served as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War against Great Britain, is now a resident of Green County and Commonwealth of Kentucky And further states that from his reduced Circumstances of life he needs the assistance of his Country for support

S/ Joshua Short, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 28th May 1818

S/ Christopher Tompkins

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District of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 24th day of September 1821 personally appeared in open Court, it being a Court of record for the County of Green Joshua Short aged 69 years resident in said County and district who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare. That he served in the revolutionary War as follows. In the 6th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Hendrick in Captain Peter Duns Company which will more fully appear by my affidavit in the Secretary of War Office on which issued a Pension Certificate on the 14th day of May 1819 No. 10611 –

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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 to wit. One mare and cow & calf & heifer, one sow, Six Piggs & 2 barrows, I have ten dollars in cash. I am a farmer by trade, but at this

advanced age can't support myself & wife I am indebted Seventeen dollars. I have a wife about Sixty nine years of age almost helpless.

S/ Joshua Short, X his mark

[p 4: On April 1, 1836 in Sangamon County Illinois, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit stating that he is the same person who is a pensioner for service in the company under Captain Peter Dunn in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hendrick. He states that he has moved to Illinois because some of his children have previously removed to Illinois and he wished to be with them with whom he now resides.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 28, 1818 for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Joshua Short S36301

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 20 May 2021.

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Short, Jonathan.]

To his Excellency the Governor of Virginia and to the Honourable Council, the memorial of Joshua Short a Revolutionary Soldier & pensioner of the United States, respectfully sheweth.

That your memorialist was raised in Halifax County Virginia. That he enlisted in September 1776 in Captain Hutchin's [sic: Thomas Hutchings] Company of Pittsylvania County for two years. This Company belonged to the Sixth Virginia Regiment under the Command in the first instance of Colonel [Mordecai] Buckner, who marched the regiment into Pennsylvania, and was there dismissed for cowardice his horse having run away when on the eve of an engagement and could not be taken up until he arrived at Kingston being a distance of twelve miles. Major Hendrick [sic: James Hendricks VAS1490] of the same Regiment was then made Colonel and served as such until he was wounded at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] by a musket Ball which struck him in the back of the head. Major Toles or Towles [Oliver Towles BLWt2213-450] then took command of the Regiment and commanded it until the 28th March 1778 when they were discharged at the Valley Forge on the Schuylkill. Your memorialist then enlisted for the war in the same Regiment, which then belonged to the Brigade of which General Wedin [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] was the Commander in General Green's [sic: Nathanael Greene] division. This Brigade in the absence of Weden by Colonel Walter Stuart of the Pennsylvania State Regiment. Your memorialist served then till after the Battle of Yorktown [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. He was at the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and went under Major Rose to guard the prisoners taken at that Battle to Winchester Frederick County Virginia and before he could join the army the war was over [see endnote]. Major Rose discharged him at Winchester. His discharges were sent by Captain Buckley of the Minute Men [possibly John Buckley of Pittsylvania County] a few years after to Richmond to procure a Land Warrant for your memorialist, but he lost them both without procuring the land. The first battle in which your memorialist was, took place in the bend of the Delaware River [23 Jan 1777] where Colonel Buckner horse took fright. He was at the Battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown. Your Memorialist was in the Mud Island Fort when under the Command of a French officer and remained there three weeks until relieved on Saturday evening and Sunday morning the Fort was taken [Saturday, 15 Nov 1777]. The Evening before he entered

this fort he was in the Red bank fort [Fort Mercer]. They were attacked by the Hessians who were repelled with the loss of about three hundred men and the americans but Eighteen. Your memorialist was present at the capture of the Hessians both on Christmas day at Trenton [sic: 26 Dec 1776] and on New Years day at Princeton [sic: 3 Jan 1777]. Your memorialist was then in no important battle until the Battle of Cowpens but was in very active service throughout the whole time. He is now Eighty one years of age and is a pensioner of the United States. Your memorialist is very poor and if you to whom he looks up as his only hope of prolonging a life which although longer than the generality of lives has nevertheless beyond doubt been shortened by the Hardships he endured during the wars shall be pleased to think that all or any of these services will entitle him to a warrant for Land your memorialist would humbly thank you to inform him what facts it will be necessary for him to prove and what proof will be required. His first term of service your memorialist has been informed is on record in the war Department at Washington but his second is not. Your memorialist hopes that some of the facts stated in his memorial may be found on record in Virginia. Your memorialists begs of you in requiring proof to consider that he has at this late period and in this distant Country but a very poor chance to procure such evidence as he could wish, but if his own Oath and the certificates of a number of the most respectable Citizens of this State (Illinois) and Kentucky that they believe what this memorialist states, together with such other proof as he may be able to collect will answer he will produce it. Your memorialist will ever pray as in duty bound &c Joshua Short

by his Attorney Edward Jones

at Springfield Sangamon County Illinois. August 11th 1831.

NOTE: The Revolutionary War did not formally end until November 1783, more than two years after the battle of Cowpens.