

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Shaver S36753

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County of Switzerland, Sct.

On this 18th day of April A.D. 1827 personally appeared in open Court, in the Switzerland Circuit Court, being a Court of Record, made so expressly by the Laws of the State of Indiana John Shaver a resident of said County, aged sixty one years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st May 1820. That he the said John Shaver enlisted for the Term of three years on or about the 19th day of February A.D. 1781 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Reuben Field [W8812] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins [BLWt867-450] in the Line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until about the first day of September A.D. 1783 when he was discharged from the Service on James River (Rockingham Co) in the State of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the [pension] Roll of any state; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, Viz, (This Deponent made Application in 1818 which is on file in the war Office but was informal) And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May A.D. 1820 I John Shaver 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 person 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

2 Blind horses	\$17.00
1 Lot of hogs	20.00
1 Lot of cattle	35.00
Beds & Bedding	25.00
Farming utensils	5.00
Kitchen Furniture	8.00
Cupboard Furniture	2.00
Saddle & Bridle	3.00
1000 lbs[?] Tobacco	<u>10.00</u>
	\$125.00
Debts by me due & owing sundry persons	<u>88.80</u>
	\$36.30

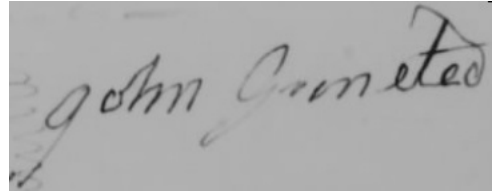
John hisXmark Shaver

My Occupation is a Farmer, and I am not able to do much work, owing to old age and severe affliction from Rheumatism, I have three Children one aged 17, the second 14 and the third 11 years. My Wife is afflicted with the Dropsy and consumption.

Since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property, Viz, one of the above blind horses is dead – the other horse is nineteen years old. I have consumed in My Family a considerable quantity to my then stock of Hogs. what I have on hand now is worth about ten Dollars. Two of the cattle died & I have butchered one for My Family use – the cattle on hand now is worth about Twenty Dollars, the Tobacco I sold to James Epperson of Madison Indiana, who gave me a saddle in payment which I have now in use, of the Value of Ten Dollars

The State of Indiana }
Jefferson County Ss }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Grinstead Sen'r. [S35988] a revolutionary soldier who is a lawful and credible witness and after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with John Shaver a revolutionary soldier and that the said Shaver served with this deponent in the same regiment & service aforesaid in the company commanded by Capt. Reuben Field in the regiment commanded by Colonel Gaskins in the Virginia line and that they served together for the period of Eighteen months from about the 7th day of March 1781 until the 7th day of Sept. 1783 and that he was a faithful & [illegible word] soldier and served his country with fidelity as such. And further this deponent saith not.
[2 June 1823]

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "John Grinstead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

commonwealth of Kentucky, Gallatin county Ss

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting justice of the peace within and for the county aforesaid Medley Shelton [W8717], aged sixty eight years, of the county aforesaid by me well known to be a man of veracity, who after being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with John Shaver of the State of Indiana, a revolutionary soldier and that the said Shaver served in the Virginia line, in the company commanded by captain Ruben Field, in the regiment commanded by colonel Thomas Gaskins and that they served together in the same regiment for about nineteen month commencing on or about the first day of April AD 1781 and ending on or about the first day of October AD 1782
[19 April 1827] Medley hisXmark Shelton

NOTE: Compare John Shaver VAS4417.