

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Shaw S36757

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4th Judicial District of Kentucky SS

On this 24th day of August before me the subscriber, Judge of the Circuit Court for the District aforesaid, personally appeared James Shaw, aged 56 years, resident in Gallatin County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to the 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 during the Revolutionary War" That he the said James Shaw enlisted in Greenbrier County State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Biggs of the Ninth Virginia Regiment (formerly the 13th) commanded by Colonel Gibson [John Gibson] for eighteen months and that he continued in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States Until about the first of January 1782. When his term of service expired and he was discharged from the service at Wheeling Virginia by Captain Ben Biggs that he was in the battle between the American troops commanded by Lieutenant Harrison against the Indians near Fort McIntosh in Ohio – that he was in many skirmishes against the Indians during his term of enlistment that he was afterwards wounded whilst on a scout upon White Womans Creek against the Indians – being at that time a Volunteer in a Corps commanded by Captain Samuel Brady. And that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the Assistance of his Country for support that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than accompanying this Declaration.

Sworn to before me this 24th day of August 1819: Given under my hand and seal the day and date as above.

S/ Samuel McKee, Circuit Judge

The Affidavit of Alexander McDowell<sup>2</sup> taken by way of Confirming the above Declaration, said McDowell being first duly sworn saith, That he said McDowell knew the before named James Shaw while a Soldier in the United States Service at Wheeling Virginia – that he was then in Captain Benjamin Biggs Company in the Ninth Virginia Regiment that he does not know when he was discharged – And that he is poor and in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country.

And further saith not.

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<sup>1</sup> This veteran's claim is mis-indexed in the Ancestry.com files among the Indiana veterans.

<sup>2</sup> FPA S36097 [not included in this database because he never served in the Southern Campaigns] He claimed service in the Pennsylvania Continental Line and fought in the North.

S/ Alexr. McDowell



The Commonwealth of Kentucky Gallatin County Sct.: I Henry Davidge one of the Circuit Judges in and for the said Commonwealth and the Judge appointed to preside in the fourth Judicial district in the aforesaid Commonwealth do certify that James Shaw aged about 57 years personally appeared before me and made oath upon the holy evangely of Almighty God that Some time in the month of March or April in the year of our Lord Christ 1780 he the said James in the State of Virginia and County of Green Brier [Greenbrier] – enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Briggs of the ninth Virginia Regiment (formerly the 13th) which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Gibson that he enlisted for the Term of eighteen months, that and continued in said Corps in the Service of the United States until about the first of January in the year of our Lord 1782 when his Term of service expired and he was then regularly discharged by the said Captain Briggs at Wheeling in the State of Virginia. This affidavit is made in addition to his former declaration herein annexed. Sworn to before me this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord 1820. Given under my hand as Judge aforesaid the day and year above written.

S/ Henry Davidge  
Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky Sct. 4th Judicial District Gallatin Circuit Court to wit

On this 31st day of August A.D. 1821 and in the 30th year of the Commonwealth personally appeared in Open court being a court of record for the said circuit with unlimited jurisdiction by the laws of the state James Shaw aged fifty six years resident in the said County of Gallatin and circuit aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows

That he served as a private in the ninth Virginia Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Biggs (agreeably to his original declaration dated on the \_\_ day of \_\_ which have been heretofore forwarded to the war Office) and that he has received a pension Certificate (No. 17519) on which he has drawn his pension up to the 4th day of March 1820. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 five years old nearly blind value	\$15.00
One horse Colt three years old value	30.00
Four head of cattle value	30.00
Five hogs value	15.00
Household and kitchen furniture value	10.00
Two sheep value	3.00

Farming utensils value	<u>9.00</u>
Amount	\$112.00

The declarant is by occupation a Farmer, and lives upon rented land, from year-to-year and from his age and bodily infirmities not able to do much hard labour. He has a wife who lives with him her age is about 46 years by the name of Elizabeth who is a very sickly woman and not able to do much labour, he has four children that resides with him, one son named James aged 20 years very sickly and infirm and has not been able to do any labour for the last 18 months, one other son named Thomas aged 12 years, he is well and healthy, one other son named Joseph 10 years old he is well and healthy, the other one a daughter named Rachel 3 years old she is well and healthy.

S/ James Shaw

[p 17: On June 11, 1832, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency stating that he had moved to Parke County Indiana in consequence of the removal of his children.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 24, 1819, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental Line.]

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Addendum to James Shaw S36757

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 13 May 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

State of Kentucky } Sct

Gallatin County } [13 June 1831]

James Shaw a Soldier of the Revolutionary War makes the following statement towit He says that he was born in Augusta County and State of Virginia that in the year 1778 being then a resident of that state he did in the month of april or may of that year (he thinks in may) enlist in the Regular service under Capt Ashby (he thinks his name was William but is not certain) in the County of Greenbriar said Ashby being then a recruiting officer in that County. He states that during the Summer he thinks in the month of August after he enlisted he together with others was marched to Fort Pitt and there joined the ninth Regiment of virginia in the Continental Service Commanded by Col. Gibson [John Gibson S41578] under General Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead VAS1812] He states that in said Regiment he was commanded by Capt Benjamin Biggs [W1366] – that he enlisted for the term of Eighteen months and that after his time he substituted himself in the place of one of his fellow Soldiers and served about six months longer He further states that he continued under the command of Capt Biggs and Col. Gibson (he thinks his name was John but cannot positively say) during the afs'd period of Eighteen months at the expiration of which he obtained an honorable discharge which he has long since lost. He states that he was discharged at Wheeling upon the Ohio River in the State of Virginia. He further states that he is now in his sixty ninth year of his age and that he is a resident and citizen of Gallatin County and State of Kentucky and is now upon the pension list of the united States

James Shaw