

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Shanks S37393

MD

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

I hereby Certify that John Shanks enlisted as a Soldier to serve during the war, as a substitute for me, and that I believe, he served as a Soldier during the continuance of the war, given under my hand this 23rd day of November 1804
[signed in Anne Arundel County MD] Wilfred Neale

State of Kentucky } Ss
Mead County and Circuit }

On this 21st day of September 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for said County and Circuit, John Shanks a resident of said County, sixty seven years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtained the provisions made by the acts of Congress on the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said John Shanks enlisted for the term of three years on the 1st day of August 1780 in the state of Maryland, in the Company Commanded by Captain Charles Smith [possibly pension application W25002], in the Regiment (extra) Commanded by Colonel Alexander Smith [Alexander Lawson Smith, W4247], until it reached head quarters, in the Southern department, then it was called the 2nd Regiment, commanded by Col. John E. Howard [John Eager Howard], and Captain John Smith took Command of the Company to which he belonged, until the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], in which battle he was badly wounded. he lost the fore finger of his right hand, and got the thick part of his thumb shivered and broken, after that time all the wounded soldiers of Maryland was put in one Company Commanded by Capt Nicholas Ricketts [BLWt1124-200] in the line of the State of Maryland, [on] the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said Corps until the 15th Nov'r 1783, when he was discharged from the service in Frederick Town in the State of Maryland. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State except Maryland as aforesaid, And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. First he has been enrolled on the invalid pension list, and has drawn pay to which invalids are entitled for a number of years. That he was living with his Children who had an objection to his drawing from the Government any larger pension so long as he was able to live without it, & for those reasons he has delayed this long without applying for a pension. And in pursuance of the acts of the 1st May 1820 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, Towit
2 Horses \$40. 3 Cows \$15. five young Cattle \$20. Seven head of sheep \$7. House hold and kitchen furniture \$10. My Situation in 1818 March 18th was I had a lease on a small piece of land for seven years, and dependent on the labour of my children for support. I had one horse, and two or three Cows & a few sheep and hogs. This property has been used for the support of his family, he states that he is a farmer by occupation, that he is verry unabled to pursue it. That he is now almost entirely dependent on his children for his support. That his whole family consists of himself and a wife, who is verry aged, upwards of sixty years old & unabled to labour hard, and that their support is derived principally from their children who have families, his wife is named Ann Shanks. Total Valuation of property is \$92.00.

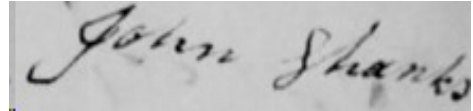
John Shanks

NOTES:

On 23 Nov 1804 John Shanks assigned power of attorney to obtain bounty land for his services.

On 20 Sep 1826 John Shanks applied to have his pension transferred from Maryland to Kentucky, having moved to Mead County because "he was dependent on his children for a support, and they removed to Kentucky & advised him to remove with them."

On 5 Feb 1827 John Shanks applied for a new copy of his invalid pension certificate from Maryland in which he referred to "Dr. R. Pindell [Richard Pindell, pension application S30653] in Lexington Kentucky, who was Sergeant of the Regiment at the time said Shanks received his wound at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs." Shanks signed as shown:

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Shanks". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.