

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Sheppard S38365

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District of Western Virginia Sst.

On this 7th day of May 1821, before me the Subscriber Judge of the said District Court of the United States, personally appeared Jonathan Shepperd aged sixty three years resident in Lewis County in said district, who being by me 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War". That he the said Jonathan Sheppard enlisted in Capt. Michael Cresaps company of Riflemen on the 1st of July 1775 at Old Town in Maryland & marched with it to Boston & served out the term of his enlistment, & on his return at Hagerstown in Maryland he enlisted in August or September 1776 in Capt. Richard Harris company of Col Moses Rawlings [VAS683] regiment of Regulars in the service of the United States for the term of three years that he continued in the service of the United States in the said corps until he was taken prisoner at fort Washington in November 1776 [16 Nov 1776] that afterwards he was exchanged & served under Capt. Thos. Beall of Sam'l. [Thomas Beall, son of Samuel Beall] at fort Frederick in Maryland & at Pittsburg until the year 1781 that afterwards he was on his way to the siege of York (where Cornwallis was captured [19 Oct 1781]) under command of Robert Hall, & continued in the service of the united States until the close of the War. That he was in the Battles of Fort Washington, & in battles with the Indians. And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the annexed affidavits of John Reid, of Thomas Beall of Sam'l. & Nathal. B Magruder [Nathaniel Beale Magruder S34973], & their joint certificate. Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

J G Jackson Dist. Judge

State of Maryland Allegany Sct

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County & state aforesaid John Reid late a solder in Capt Michaels Cresaps Company Independant Company of Riffle men and being Duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty god Deposethe and saith that Jonathan Shepperd late a private in the aforesaid Company was enlisted for the term of one year and that he served out the full time – that afterward he the said Shepperd Enlisted under Capt Richard Davis of Col Moses Rawlingses Riffle Regement for the Term of three years that he was taken at Fort washington that after wards he served under my command at Fort Frederick in in Maryland in guarding prisoners and farther this Deponant saith not Sworn before me this 28th day of April 1821

John Scott

Justice of the peace




We the undersigned Officers of the Revolutionary Army Certify that the Bearer Jonathan Shepherd did always conduct himself in a good and orderly manner whilst he continued in service in Capt Michael Cresaps independent Rifle company, that went to Boston and also as belonging to Col Rawlings Rifle Regiment composed of the Rifle Companies from Virginia and Maryland during the term of service in the same and after the expiration thereof that he was honorably discharged by our hands 28th Ap'l 1821

John Reid

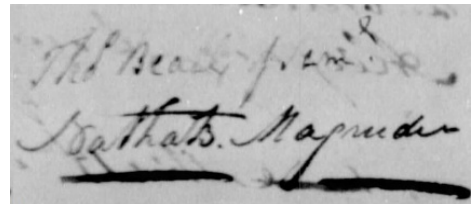
Thos Beall of Sam'l

Natha'l B. Magruder



Allegany county State of Maryland Set

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the state & County aforesaid Thomas Beall of Samuel late a Captain in the Revolutionary War and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty god Deposeth and saith that Jonathan Shepherd late a private in Captain Deweses Company of Col Moses Rawlings Regiment was well known to him in the Regiment that he Enlisted for three years in said Regiment that he the said Shephed served untill he was taken at Fort washington in 1776 in the month of November that afterward he the said Shepherd served under my command at Fort Frederik in Maryland and at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania untill the year 1781. Sworn & subscribed before me this 28th day april 1821.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jonathan Shepherd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Virginia Sst Schedule Lewis County towit

At a Court held for the County of Lewis on Tuesday the 15th day of May 1821 present George Bozarth, Weeden Huffman, William Hacker Jacob Koonts and Joseph McCoy Jentlemen Justices on this 15th day of May 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record in and for the County of Lewis and state of Virginia Jonathan Shepperd aged sixty three years resident in said County of Lewis in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows that he the said Jonathan Shepperd enlisted in Captain Michael Crisaps Company of Rifflemen on the 1st of July 1775 at old Town in Maryland and marched with it to Boston & served out the Time of his Enlistment and on his return at Hagers Town in maryland he enlisted in August or September 1776 in Captain Richard Harris Company of Colo Moses Rawlings regiment of regulars in the service of the united States for the Term of three years that he continued in the service of the united States in the said Corpse untill he was taken prisoner at fort washington in November 1776 that afterwards he was exchanged and served unter Captain Thomas Beall of Sam'l at Fort Frederick in maryland, & at Pittsburg untill the year 1781 that afterwards he was on his way to the Siege of york (where Cornwallis was Captured) under command of Robert Bell and continued in the service of the united States untill the close of the war, that he was in the Battle of Fort washington and in Battles with the Indians all which will appear by reference to his original Declaration made on the 7th day of may 1821 before the honorable John G Jackson Judge of the western District Court of virginia for the united States which is here with filed together with the affidavits therein referred to 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 Towit

one Silver Watch

One set of Shoe makers tools

and the decliant further states that his occupation is a shoe maker, but from his age and bodily debility he is unable to pursue it that his wife is dead and that he has no family residing with him

Sworn to and declared on the 15th day of May 1821 before the Court of the said County of Lewis in open court

Jonathan hisXmark Shepperd

Auditor's Office, Annapolis, October 3rd, 1821.

I hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls remaining in the Auditor's Office, that Jonathan Sheppard enlisted as a pvt in Rawling's Maryland Regiment, on the [blank] day of July 1776 and is marked paid on Roll.

Thos. Karney Aud. S. M.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) misfiled with Shelton, Medley. The file includes copies of the documents transcribed above.]

1823 May 20 Rejected. Claimant belonged to Maryland line

NOTE: A note on the pension certificate indicates that Sheppard died on 17 April 1825.