

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Sherman (Shearman, Shannon) S38366

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District of \_\_, SS

On this 14th of February 1820, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district personally appeared Robert Sherman aged sixty-five years, resident in Washington in the said district, who, being by me first 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 and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war:" That he, the said Robert Sherman enlisted for the term of three years in the latter end of winter in the year 1776-7 – in Dumfries in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Callaway or Galliher [Charles Gallahue] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in Charleston state of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777 & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and at the siege of Charleston South Carolina [Charleston fell on May 12, 1780] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and 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 service, having lodged his discharge in the auditor's office Richmond Virginia when he obtained his land warrant where he supposes it still to be except the undersigned & annexed certificate.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

[Attested by Buckner Thruston, Judge]

The bearer Robert Shearman [sic] enlisted as a soldier in the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded originally by Colonel afterwards General Daniel Morgan. I knew him well as Fife Major of the Regiment. He enlisted for three years or during the war, was marched to Charleston with the Virginia regiments & I have always understood was captured at that place. I was a Captain in the same Regiment.

S/ J. Marshall<sup>1</sup>

Feby 12<sup>th</sup> 1820

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<sup>1</sup> John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court

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July 19<sup>th</sup> 1820

#### Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County the 1st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County Robert Shannon aged 66 years in December next resident in the said County of Frederick who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Gallehue in the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan in the Virginia Line and that he has received a certificate for a pension No. 16491 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, excepting necessary clothing and bedding:

one handsaw, one tenant saw, one set of bench planes and a few old moulding planes

S/ Robert Shannon

I am by trade a Carpenter but am infirm and not able to work half my time. I have no family nor do I keep house, but work about.

Sworn and declared this 1st day of August 1820 in open Court.

[Attested by James Keith, clerk of court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing February 14, 1820, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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S/ Dan Morgan [Daniel Morgan]

Brig Genl. [Brigadier General]

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*Dan Morgan  
Brig Genl*