

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Shadrach Shavers S38368

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At a Court held for the County of Stafford, at the Court house of said County on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1818

A Declaration [not in the file] was this day presented into Court by Shadrach Shavers who made oath thereto, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the evidence of Samuel H. Peyton that the said Shavers has served in the revolutionary war on Continental establishment for nine months continued service - and also from the evidence of said Peyton, John MConway and William Ford that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country for support — Ordered that the same be certified to the secretary of the War Department pursuant to the Act of Congress in that case made and provided for

Virginia, Stafford County, Sct:

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1821, personally appeared in open court (being a Court of Record for the said County, made so by law) Shadrach Shavers of the County aforesaid aged about sixty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 — that the said Shadrach Shavers enlisted for the term of three years in the spring of the year 1778, at Valley Forge in the state of Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Cunningham, in the second Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Febecker [sic: Christian Febiger] in the line of the state of Virginia, on the Virginia Continental establishment — that he continued in the service of the United States several years in the aforesaid Regiment & in the Companies of said Cunningham, [Samuel] Cobbs & John P. Harrison in the Company of the last of whom he was when he got injured in one of his ancles, which rendered him incapable of active service & consequently that he came to Virginia with said Harrison (about the year 1781) who promised to obtain his discharge but never did — that he was at the battle of Stony Point [15 Jul 1779]; and that he has no other evidence now in his power (unless he could meet with General, then Colo. Parker who knew him well whose residence [sic] he has made an effort to obtain & has failed to do so) of his said services, except the affidavit of Captain George Burroughs hereto annexed, viz: - “Virginia, Stafford County, to wit: Captain Geo. Burroughs personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace of the County aforesaid and made oath that he knew Shadrach Shavers in the Revolutionary War, that the first time he recollects to have seen him was acting as Bowman to Capt. John P. Harrison of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment at that time commanded by Colo Febecker - that the said Harrison informed him that said Shavers was a soldier in his Company - and that he believes that said Shavers served in the army two or three years. Given under my hand & seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1820.

Zach’h Nowles {seal}

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820, 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 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, one thousand eight hundred & eighteen & 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 & by me subscribed — I also make oath that my occupation is that of a daily Labourer, but from age & infirmity I am unable to pursue it with tolerable success not even to procure the necessaries of life, that my family consists of my wife, aged about fifty-five years & a female Grand Child three years old —

Schedule - 2 small Shoats - one Cafe[?] - 2 hoes - 1 pair of Iron traces - one plough & geer (necessary bed & bedding excepted — valued by the Court at \$8.00.

Shadrach hisXmark Shavers

NOTE: The 1820 federal census of Stafford County lists Shadrack Shavers as head of a household of "Free Colored Persons."