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Pension Application of George Shaner S38370

VA

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DISTRICT OF Virginia, Berkeley County, SS.

On this 28 day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the said County, personally appeared George Shaner aged 69 years, resident in Jefferson County 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 George Shaner enlisted in Shepherds Town [Shepherdstown] in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Henry Bedinger [S8059] of the Regiment commanded by Colo. Gaskins [Thomas Gaskins BLWt867-450] in General Steubens Brigade in the year 1781 for three years; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the year 1783, when he was discharged from service in Charleston in the state of South Carolina, that he was in the battles of & Siege of York Town in Virginia and after the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] Marched to Savannah under Colo Posey [Thomas Posey BLWt1733-450] and joined the troops under General [Anthony] Wayne & thence to Charleston 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 services except the annexed certificate of Capt now Maj. Henry Bedinger

I do Certify that I enlisted George Shaner as a soldier in the Virginia line on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary Army in the early part of 1781 for three years, that he continued in the service untill sometime in the year 1783 when he was Honorably discharged at Charles Town South Carolina – and returned to his dwelling at Shepherds Town where he still resides

Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1818 –

Henry Bedinger late Captain
5th Virginia Regiment
Revolutionary Army

Corporation of Shepherds Town Va. Sct.

On this 3rd day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court for the borough aforesaid being a court of record, made so by an act of the Legislature of the state aforesaid at its last Session, George Shaner aged seventy years resident of the corporation aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declair that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, that early in the year 1781 he enlisted in Shepherds Town Va. for three years under Henry Bedinger who was an officer in the first Virginia regiment and was marched by him to Winchester in said state and was there placed in the company commanded by Cap'tn Kirkpatrick [Abraham Kirkpatrick BLWt1210-300] and immediately marched to Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] barracks and was afterwards at the Siege of York and surrender of cornwallis & from thence marched to South Carolina and Georgia having only served two years and five months of the term for which he enlisted, in consequence of the peace & that by age and other infirmity has been almost deprived of sight, is by profession a labourer and has a wife whose age is fifty four years; and he has received a pension in virtue of a certificate No. 7130 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 person 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.

Schedule

One log house and lot in Shepherds Town – of little value, would perhaps rent for about twenty five dollars, one corner cupboard containing cups, saucers, plates and spoons. 7 old split bottomed chairs. 1 Large chest. 1 Coffee Mill and coffee pot. 7 Snuff bottles. 1 Stove and pipe. 1 Soap tub and 1 Slop d'o. 2 washing tubs and 2 water buckets. 1 dozen knives & forks. 1 large Iron kettle. 2 Iron pots & 1 skillet. 1 lot of old tools. 8 pieces of Earthen ware. 1 frying pan. 3 old bedsteads. 1 Maul & two Iron wedges. 1 Shovel & pair of tongs. 3 weeding hoes. 1 axe. 2 old candle sticks. 2 pair of scissors. 1 Lantern. 5 old flour barrels. 1 small papered trunk. 1 cloth brush, 10 pieces of bacon and 4 hogs.

Given under my hand

George hisXmark Shaner

County of Jefferson S.S.

On the 26th day of October 1824 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Jefferson within the tenth Judicial circuit of Virginia George Shaner, resident in said county, aged seventy eight 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 18th March 1818, and the first May 1820: that he, the said George Shaner enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Bedinger in the regiment commanded by Colonel Posey in the line of the State of Virginia, on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the end of the war in the year 1783 when he was discharged from the said service, in Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, that his name has been placed on the pension list, and dropped therefrom on account of his property. [Oath similar to the one in the 1820 declaration follows.]

Schedule.

One house and part of a lot in Shepherd's Town Virginia in which I reside, one cow, one large Iron pot, one small ditto, one dutch oven, one old copper tea kettle, one old tin coffee pot, one old pair Tongs & shovel, three small queens ware dishes, four plates of same ware, three dishes potters ware, four split bottomed chairs, one walnut table (old) one old corner cupboard five pint tin cups, one old chest, one hoe, one aaxe, (necessary clothing and bedding excepted.)

George hisXmark Shaner

The declarent is a common labourer and is unable to pursue it – his family consists of himself & his wife, who is upwards of fifty seven years of age, & very infirm, and unable to do much work, indeed she can do very little, and often wants some person to take care of her.

Berkeley County Virginia Jan'y 9th 1826

I do Certify that George Shaner enlisted with me as a soldier in the Virginia Line on Continental establishment some time in the year One thousand seven hundred and Eighty one, for three years, that he served faithfully to the end of the war & was honorably discharged at the disbandment of the Virginia troops in Nov'r. 1783 —

Henry Bedinger Captain/ 5th Virginia Reg't. Revolutionary Army

To whom it may concern

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Do hereby Certify that George Shaner Inlistes as a Soldier in the Virginia Continental line about the 10th Day of February 1781 for Three years & that he faithfully served as a soldier Untill the Army was Disbanded by Order of the Honorable General [Nathanael] Greene.

Given under my hand this 22^d Day of July 1785

Henry Bedinger late

Capt 5th Virg'a Reg't

[other side]

Sir) Please Deliver the Certificate for my land warrant to Col David Shepherd and Oblige yours & Col Thomas Mereweather [sic: Meriwether]

George hisXmark Shaner

Richmond July 22^d 1785
Witness/ Henry Bedinger

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: George Sheynar/ age 35/ height 5' 4"/ dark-brown hair/ "well set. Speaks Broken"/ tanner/ born in Germany/ residing in Berkeley County where he enlisted for three years.