

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Shingleton S38371

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Virginia towit At a Court held for this County of Harrison on the 17 day of august 1818 and 43^d year of the Commonwealth present John Righter, Benjamin Robinson Jedediah W. Goff, Samuel P. Moore John Reynolds & Samuel Washington Gentlemen Justices. Before the court aforesaid personally appeared William Shingleton and being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provission 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 William Shingleton enlisted at Culpeper County Virginia on the [blank] day of [blank] as a guard for and during the period that the Hessian prisoners remained in Virginia [see note below] in the Company Commanded by Captain Roberts of Colo. Taylors Regiment of Virginia regulars on Continental establishment that he continued in said Corps or in the service of the united states for the space of twenty months when he was discharged from service at Harpers ferry in Virginia 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.

William Shingleton personally appeared before me this 27th of June 1819 & being duly sworn states in addition to the declaration heretofore made by him before the Court of Harrison County, that the date of his enlistment was to the best of his recollection in the summer of the year 1778 [sic] & he was discharged from service in the year 1780 the months of enlistment and discharge he does not recollect.

Given under my hand this date above mentioned
J. G. Jackson Dist. Judge of West'n. Virginia

Virginia towit — At a Court held for the County of Harrison on the 22^d day of June 1820 (being a court of record established by an act of the General assembly of this Commonwealth) Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid William Shingleton aged 66 years resident of Harrison County 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 enlisted in the year 1778 in Col. Taylors regiment in Capt. John Roberts Company Virginia line - his original declaration was made 17th August 1818 his pension certificate is No. [blank] and he said William also took the following oath viz “I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen, 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 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 one thousand eight hundred and 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 and by me subscribed. Viz I own no property of any Discription William hisXmark Shingleton and he s'd. William also Declared as follows viz “I am by occupation a laborer I have no family I am unable to support myself by labor

NOTES:

The Hessian prisoners, known as the Convention Army, were surrendered at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and early in 1779 were brought to Albemarle Barracks, where they remained until Feb 1781, when they were taken to PA out of reach of Cornwallis. They were guarded by the Convention Army Guard Regiment, which was organized near the end of 1778 and commanded by Col. Francis Taylor. Likely dates for Shingleton's service are from summer 1779 till Feb 1781.

On Shingleton's pension certificate is written “Died Sept 15, 1837, but the 1840 federal census of Harrison County lists William Shingleton, 80, as a pensioner. Records of the National Archives and Records Administration show only one William Shingleton applied for a pension.