

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Shaw S3881

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State of Tennessee Davidson County:

July Session 1832 on the first day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court now sitting William Shaw a resident of said County and State aged seventy-one years last April, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1761 in the month of April, as he believes from his Father's register in the old family Bible, and was raised to manhood principally in what is now Wythe County on the waters of New River, that in the year 1776, the Cherokees became troublesome, and that he William Shaw volunteered under Captain David Snodgrass to guard his Snodgrass' station, near where Abingdon is now situate in Washington County and remained in service about two months: sometime after Volunteered under Colonel William Campbell (afterwards General Campbell) against the Cherokees and went as far as the long Island of Holston [River] on entire frontier, remained in service two or three months, this was some time after the Battle with the Indians at the long Islands of Holston, I next volunteered under Colonel William Campbell of New River in pursuit of Koyle [William Koyle or William Coyle, Coile] & Brown two Tory captains who had raised a number of men & were committing depredations on the Whigs: we came up with them and dispersed them, wounded one man & took him and another prisoner and run the balance over the mountains into the Hollows of the Yadkin [River], was then in service about two months: in 1780 I volunteered with Captain Trigg under the command of Colonel William Campbell went over the mountains into the State of North Carolina was stationed some time at the Moravian town, we were informed that a number of Tories were collecting below Guilford old Court House, Captain Trigg with his Company of whom I was one was ordered by Colonel Campbell to go in pursuit of the Tories we came on them took upwards of twenty of them prisoners & drove them to headquarters to Colonel Campbell at the Moravian town, there some of them were whipped, one Hung, then returned over the Mountains back to New River & scoured the Country down said River of Tories running & dispersing them as low down said River as peppins' ferry was in service two or three months – and that time & then volunteered with Colonel John Stephens with about sixty men to guard the flowery Gap to prevent the British & Tories from crossing over to the lead mines on New River, the British Army then lay at the Moravian towns, in February 1781 – volunteered with Colonels Preston & Cloyd & went to General Green [Nathanael Greene] & his Army in North Carolina near Guilford & remained until after the Battle (or scrimmage) with the British at Whitesell's Mill [Wetzel's Mill, March 6, 1781] ten days before the Battle of Guilford Court House, during

the whole of my service I found my own Horse to ride & my rifle & shot Bagg – for which I never received any Consideration except our independence, which I Glory in – I have lived in Davidson County upwards of forty-six years, helped to defend this Country from the Indians, from that time was with General Jackson in the Creek Nation as a volunteer. I never was entered on a pension roll, nor never applied before, I have no way of proving the above service, that I now know of except by my own oath as I believe most of my Companions in arms are dead, or so removed that I know not where to find them, Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.
Test: S/ Henry Ewing, Clerk of the Davidson County Court

S/ Wm Shaw, Ser.




State of Tennessee Davidson County:

July Session 1832 on this first day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justice of the Court now sitting Robert Weakley a resident of said County and state aged 68 years – who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement, that he has been acquainted with William Shaw of Davidson County who is the applicant under the law of Congress passed June 7th 1832 ever since the latter part of the year 1785 & that he Shaw has ever during his acquaintance been considered an honest man & man of truth and is bound to believe his statement as to the service rendered during the American Revolution to be true – as I was in the Battle by him spoken of at Whitesell's Mill in March 1781 – and from the statement of Shaw am satisfied he was there, he Shaw is called by his acquaintances Honest Billy Shaw.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ R. Weakley



[Veteran filed an amendment to his declaration on September 3, 1833 in which he states he served 10 months being 5 tours of 2 months each and that he never received any written discharge; that he is known to Colonel Robert Weakley, Thomas Crutcher, State treasurer, C. P. Connult, and several others whose names are not decipherable. David Cloyd, a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit as did Robert Weakley and John McCarlin [?.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]