

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Shaw S3886

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State of Tennessee Gibson County: This day personally appeared before me John G Raines an acting Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, Zachariah Shaw of the said County, at the residence of the said Shaw, because the said Shaw from age, disease and bodily infirmity is not able to come before me at my office. And he the said Shaw here made the following declaration on oath administered in due form of law in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832 for the benefit of the Soldiers of the Revolution.

He states that he was born in the State of Virginia, the County he does not remember, as he is informed by his father, who, he is also informed removed to the County of Wake, State of North Carolina, where this declarant was of the age of three years, when this declarant was raised. He further states that from the information of his father he was born on the 17th day of December 1754 – that he has no record of his age, that he is now about seventy-eight years of age.

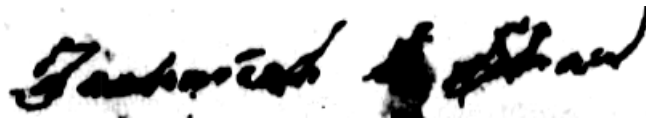
He states that he entered the service of the United States, in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina in the month of April 1776 – under Captain James Jones – my Lieutenant – was named Mcdesy [sic?] Cornet Armstrong – he states that he cannot recollect the names of the field officers – for his memory is now very frail and bad. He entered the service as one of a company of light horse made up by Captain James Jones to serve for two years and a half and marched directly from Wake County North Carolina to Charleston South Carolina, where the company to which I belonged arrived in Charleston, declarant states that the British fleet was lying in the Harbor of that City. He recollects crossing the River big Pedee on his way to Charleston. He does not now remember the River he crossed at the city, but well remembers it was very wide & in crossing in a boat he fell asleep and the water by some means was thrown on him, which awoke him and for a short time on awaking he was much alarmed, the names of other rivers he does not remember. He remained in the service at Charleston and in its vicinity for the space of six months and was employed in excursions about that place – at the expiration of that term he hired a substitute, one Zachus Shaw his brother to serve out the balance of his term and declarant then returned home. My brother not being long after my departure was taken sick and returned home and died. He my brother came home on furlough signed by General Lee [Charles Lee]. This furlough has long since been lost. He further states that John Shaw the brother of

declarant was a Captain of militia and was called into service in that capacity for three months, owing to the situation of his brother's domestic affairs, he his brother could not go into the service and declarant took his place and served in that capacity during his term and as well as he remembers declarant & seven others were discharged at the same time by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He states that in the foregoing service, he marched from Wake County North Carolina and marched to Granville Courthouse and then to Hillsboro and then to the Hanging rock to Haw River and there joined General Greene and here he sent us back, there were eight captains of us, discharged at the same time. Declarant's discharge has long since been lost. From bad recollection declarant cannot give the date of the foregoing service. He states that at Hillsboro General Butler [John Butler] took command of the troops to which he belonged. He was well acquainted with him and by that means is able to recollect his name. He thinks his Colonel was by the name of Colonel Mebane. He knew Colonel Lenington [probably a reference to John Alexander Lillington] from Halifax. He states that when the British approached Guilford he was drafted for three months as a private and marched on near to that place and was taken sick. He hired a substitute and returned home from Charlotte. On this trip one Alsa High was Captain. He says that is signed the foregoing service, he served three other trips in the militia for three months each but from loss of memory, he is not able to give any circumstantial account of them. He further states that he was not in any general engagement and that he served for more than two years. He states that during the war he paid several hundred dollars in hiring persons to serve. He states that he does not know of any living witness except one by whom he can prove his service, and he is one Joseph Gallaher, who served with declarant in South Carolina, and that it is impossible for him to get said Gallaher's testimony because he lives at a distance from declarant. He refers to Thomas Jones, the son of Captain James Jones under whom declarant served in South Carolina, to Captain Simpson Shaw and to the Reverend Alexander M Williams for his reputation as a man and also to his character as a Whig and soldier of the revolution. He further declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

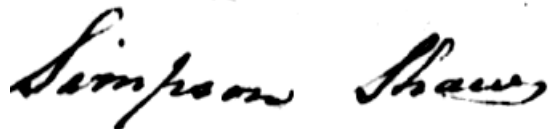
Sworn to & subscribed before me at the residence of the said Zachariah Shaw this 30st of September 1833

S/ Zachariah Shaw

S/ John H. Raines, JP



[fn p-7: Simpson Shaw a resident of Gibson County Tennessee testified on the same day that he was well acquainted with Zachariah Shaw for 50 years; that he, affiant, remembers Zachariah Shaw returning from his expedition to Charleston; that he, affiant, was young and cannot remember the circumstances of the service of Zachariah Shaw except he recalls that Zachariah served one term as a substitute for deponent's father (not named).



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the cavalry, and 3 months service as a private in the Infantry, both in the North Carolina militia.]