

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Sharp S3888

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Sct.

On this ___day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court being the Honorable the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for the County & State aforesaid held by the Honorable Samuel Powell Samuel Sharp a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-five years past who being 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That in the year 1777 and some time in the month of September of that year he volunteered for a six months tour of duty in the Company commanded by Captain John Nisonger [John Niscwange or John Niscwanger]. That Henry Catlet [Henry Catlett] was the Lieutenant and Robert Cochran Ensign of the Company. That he served out his full term of six months and obtained an honorable discharge, but said discharge is lost. That he was about 20 or somewhat in his 21st year when he volunteered as he well recollects for he was a bound boy at the time he volunteered & claimed and obtained his freedom or his return through his Uncle to whom he was bound always refused to pay and never did pay him the sum of \$50 at the end of his service as his ward as he was contracted to do saying the six months absence in the service of the United States should serve as a set off to that claim. That he resided in the County of Frederick & State of Virginia when he volunteered. That so soon as the Company was completed he was marched to Fort Pitt at which place they remained for some time but how long not recollected. After which they marched to Wheeling where there were regular Soldiers under the command of General Hand and Colonel Gibson. That soon after the arrival of our Company General Hand went off down the River with the regulars and Colonel Gibson went to Fort Pitt. That their company with some other Companies of militia that were stationed there were left in possession of the place and after remaining there for some time Captain Nisongers Company was marched to the Barracks at Winchester and there served out their time.

Said Samuel Sharp also states that in the fall of the year 1780 he served a tour of three months or entered for three months and served out the time for which he entered which closed in the winter season as well as he remembers. That Captain John Lucas commanded his company. That he resided then in Montgomery County & State of Virginia. That the Company when filled marched to Guilford Courthouse where they remained a short time and from there marched to Ramsour's Mill where Tarleton with his Cavalry made an attack on the Americans and they had to retreat with Washington at their head. That he served out his tour and was honorably discharged but has lost his discharge.

That he has no documentary evidence of either of the before named tours of duty. That he has no means of proving the said tours of duty within his power except as shown by the

annexed certificate of Abel Hankins.¹ That he has resided in the County of Knox where he has resided for upwards of 40 years. That there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood that has resided there long enough to make any statement whatever to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state. Affiant states that he has lost his discharges or they may be yet in existence but he knows nothing of them.

Sworn to and Open Court 16th of August 1832.

S/ Wm Swan, Clk

S/ Samuel Sharp, X his mark

Abel Hankins resident in the County of Knox & State of Tennessee where he has resided for some where about 40 years, states that he is well acquainted with Samuel Sharp who signed the foregoing application for a pension and has been well acquainted with him from the year 1790 or longer and that he believes said Samuel Sharp was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war as he states particularly the 6 months tour alluded to in his declaration. That he lived in the neighborhood at that time said Sharp volunteered for said tour – That he said Sharp was absent on said tour of duty – That he knows of his going on the tour and returning, and has no hesitation in believing that he served both the tours as he states. That said Samuel Sharp is entitled to full credit when own oath as affiant believes.

S/ Abel Hankins, X his mark

The Amended declaration of Samuel Sharp

State of Tennessee Knox County: Be it remembered that on the 4th day of April 1833 before me Joseph A Mabry a Justice of the Peace for the County of Knox & State of Tennessee personally appeared Samuel Sharp of said County of Knox aged 76 years and upwards who upon oath states that he was born in the County of Frederick & State of Virginia in the month of December 1756. That he has a registration of his birth at home but does not recollect the day of the month. That he will refer the Pension Agent to James Clark & Honorable H. S. White of Knoxville who can testify as to his veracity – And he will name John Sawyers, William Sawyers, Joseph Mynatt, English Crawford and Absalom Rutherford who are his immediate neighbors and who have known him for many years, and who can testify that for many years and indeed for from the earliest settlement of this country he has been known and reputed a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the date above

S/ J. A. Mabry, JP

S/ Samuel Sharp, X his mark

[John Mynatt, 52, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ PERHAPS the same man as Abraham Hankins FPA W363