

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Shepard S3901

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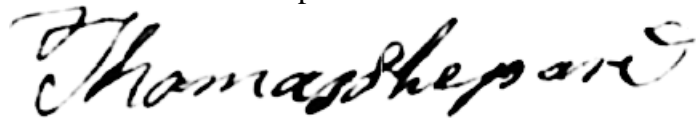
State of Tennessee Robertson County: SS

Thomas Shepherd, on this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Robertson, he being a citizen resident of said County aged seventy-seven years the 25th day of December last, who being 1st duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – that he enlisted in the year 1775 in the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia in the Army of the United States in a Corps which was termed minute men enlisted for 3 years the company was commanded by Captain John Edmonds and Joseph Williams as Lieutenant & Edward Hull as Ensign – there was four companies United together commanded by Colonel Peter Thornton & by Thomas Jones as Major – we were called together in the fall of 1775 & continued in camp together about 20 days & then were dismissed until again called for – in the spring of 1776, we were again called out & stationed at the mouth of the little Wycomico [Wicomico River] until June, & then we were removed to Colonel Thornton's Bay quarter at the mouth of Presleys Creek, & remained there until the fall when a portion of the company under the command of the Lieutenant was sent to Coan River & stationed at Captain Mottebans [?]¹ & remained there some time & were then permitted to return home. We were again called out in the spring of 1777 & performed various little tours during that spring, each of which the deponent cannot specify – during the summer of 1777, the companies of minute men were dissolved because they could not be called on for other service. I was then enrolled in the company of Captain William Davenport as a militia man, but was not called on for any service whilst attached to that company – in the fall of 1777 I married & moved to the County of Lancaster where I lived until the year 1780 – then I removed to Northumberland again & was thrown into the company of Militia of Captain Nutt & was appointed Sergeant in his company – there was then boat loads of arms & ammunition sent from Baltimore for the use of the southern states & I was enlisted as Sergeant with the command of 10 men to guard them & continued several months to guard them. I then removed on the opposite side of Wycomico River & was put in the company of Captain John Span Webb & was appointed a Sergeant & drafted for active service & was placed under the command of Captain William Downing and ordered to Leid-town [?] upon the Rappahannock but was stopped at Westmoreland Court-house. We were then ordered home, to our respective Counties & remained encamped for some time at the Courthouse – We were then ordered out to join the Army &

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joined the main Army at Dugalds old field in Gloucester County under the command of General Wedon [George Weedon]. I was then in the company of Captain Cane, the Third Regiment, to which I belonged was then ordered to King & Queen County. The Regiment was commanded by Major John Baytop & Major Threshly [?]². The Colonel I understood was sick, we lay there until October, we were then marched back to the main Army & then to a place called Sowellsville, near York town on the opposite side of the River from the town and continued there until the 16th of October when I was discharged in consequence of sickness, having been examined by the Doctor & regularly discharged & received a discharge signed by Doctor Todd by the order of Major Baytop & returned home – he has long since lost his discharge & has no record or written evidence whereby he can prove his service – that he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his services and after my discharge I moved to the State of North Carolina where I lived 18 years then to where I now live. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State & that he was more than two years in the service. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ Thomas Shepard




State of Tennessee Robertson County: personally appeared before me Richard Benson the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Thomas Shepherd who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was born in the State of Virginia Northumberland County in St. Stephens Parish in the day & year mentioned in his declaration to which this is annexed as amendatory part, he also states that he has a certificate of his age taken from a Register of St. Stephens Parish was signed by Thomas Coelman Clerk (which he produced before me) he also states that there resides immediately in his neighborhood William Smith, John W. Ferguson, Michael Fiser, John Hutchinson, Richard Chatham, David Darden with various other persons who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution should it be necessary & required.

He further states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private in the actual service not less than one year and 6 months, and that he served as a Sergeant in actual service not less than 6 months.

You will find in the 13th line from the commencement of this declaration the word (companies) which he states is incorrect that it should have been written Counties.

He further states that as stated in his declaration that when he was drafted for actual service in the company of John Span Webb and was placed under the command of Captain William Downing and was ordered to Leedstown on the Rappahannock but was stopped at Westmoreland Courthouse that said company was under the command of Colonel Frank Lee and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Thomas Shepard

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months and as a sergeant for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]