

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Shadrach Ready S39035

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State of Alabama Circuit Court of Madison County Sct.

The declaration of Shadrach Ready aged seventy-four years in open court this 11th day of September 1820, said Ready says that he now is and was on the 18th day of March 1818 and for more than four years last past has been a resident of the County aforesaid was born in Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia & has been a citizen of the United States ever since the declaration of Independence –

In the year 1775 [unclear, could be 1776] in the fall at Liedinsbury [sic, Leesburg?] Virginia he enlisted in the company of Captain William Johnson of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, this company formed a part of the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan, this affiant continued in actual service as a Corporal in the Virginia line in said Regiment, until late in the year 1777 when he was honorably discharged from service at Middlebrook Pennsylvania [sic, Middlebrook New Jersey?]. He has long since lost the discharge – he was present and engaged in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777 & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – he has no other evidence of his services now in his knowledge or power except the evidence of Captain Peyton Powell hereto subjoined.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I the said Shadrach Ready do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 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 provision 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 1818, and 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. I further declare that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. The foregoing declaration sworn to and subscribed by said Shadrach Ready in said court (the same being a court of record) this 11th day of September 1820.

S/ Shadrach Ready, R his mark

Schedule of the Estate & Income of Shadrach Ready given in open court

2 working beasts a mare and a horse the mare about 14 years old the horse about 8 years old

1 filly about one year old

1 do about 3 weeks old

2 Milch [milk] cows 5 small young cattle

15 or 20 hors large & small

1 pine table, no chairs a few benches & stools
2 cast iron pots one kettle
no land or Negroes

The foregoing Schedule subscribed in open court the 11th day of September 1820.

S/ Shadrach Ready, R his mark

Peyton Powell¹ of said County of Madison being duly sworn deposes & says

That in the spring of the year 1777, this affiant then a Sergeant in the above mentioned company of Captain William Johnson marched with the company from Leesburg Virginia to Philadelphia that he continued to serve in said Regiment & being afterwards appointed an Ensign in Captain Wright's Company until after said Shadrach Ready was honorably discharged from the service late in the year 1779 at Middlebrook Pennsylvania and this affiant well knows that said Shadrach Ready continued in the regular service in said Captain Johnson's company of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment from the spring of the year 1777 until late in the year 1779.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court September 11th 1820

S/ Peyton Powell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peyton Powell". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface, possibly a document or parchment.

Said Shadrach Ready further makes oath that his present occupation is farming: his family consist of himself and wife and two children both girls one about seven & the other about four years old his wife is about forty-two years but is very sickly – this affiant from his age and infirmity is unable to support himself by bodily labor.

S/ Shadrach Ready, R his mark

[f p. 8: on September, 1828 in Morgan County Alabama, John Ready, gave testimony that Shadrach Ready died April 3rd 1825. The relationship, if any of John Ready to Shadrach Ready is not stated in this affidavit. Berry Nolin was appointed administrator of the estate of Shadrach Ready.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 11, 1820, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ [John Peyton Powell S46407](#)

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Addendum to Shadrach Reedy S39035

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 2 Feb 2021.

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Reedy, Shedrick.]

Witness That Shedrick Reedy served in the Continental Army 3 years (viz 78 Part of 76: 77 78 and discharged in 1779 The 11th Virginia Reg't when Discharged From the 7th Reg't Con Colo. Morgans Reg't & in Capt Wm Johnson's Company & in General Woodfords [William Woodford] Brigade. Sir. Please to pay Maj'r John Taylor on his Order the whole of the Money due To Me For Pay as a soldier In the Continental Army Given under my hand this 16th day of April 1786.

Test/ Andrew Lower/ James Taylor

Shedrick hisXmark Reedy