

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Shaffer S39069

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State of Tennessee Smith County Court: February Term 1821

On this 20th day of February 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the County aforesaid David Shaffer a resident of said County aged 68 years, who being first 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 acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said David Shaffer enlisted for the term of two years on or about Christmas or New Year, in the latter end of the year 1777, or beginning of the year 1778 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Simms while in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Owen Roberts in the line of the State of South Carolina in the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until he was discharged from the service in Charlestown in the State of South Carolina in the latter end of the year 1779, or beginning of the year 1780. That he was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1780], in the State of South Carolina, and that he has no active evidence now in his power to prove his said service except it can be done by his own oath. That he made a declaration before judge Isaacs in the year 1819 but has never heard what was done with it.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I 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 to wit, 2 head of horses, 16 head of hogs, some plates, knives & forks; and nothing more – is a farmer by profession, & lives on rented land – has a wife named Jane [could be Janie] about 59 years of age.

S/ David Shaffer [not his signature]

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day Jonathan He personally appeared before us Richard Alexander and Joshua M. Coffee 2 of the acting justices of the peace for said County, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was acquainted with David Shaffer a regular soldier in the Continental Army in the company commanded by Captain Symms while in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Owen Roberts, that the said David Shaffer, at the time this deponent was acquainted with him was doing duty as a regular soldier, in the company and Regiment above stated in the State of South Carolina in the year 1778 or 1779 and further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this night day of October 1821.

S/ Jonathan Key

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jonathan Key". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first letter "J" is large and loops around the start of the name. The signature ends with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

State of Tennessee Smith County: This day Benjamin Conn¹ personally appeared before us John D Williams & Andrew Pickett , two of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and after being sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with David Shaffer a private soldier in the Revolutionary War; that said David Shaffer belonged to the company commanded by Captain Simms while in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Owen Roberts, of the Continental establishment – that he knows said David Shaffer served under said Simms while [sic] nine months or more before his discharge. – And that he was discharged from the service of the United States by Colonel Owen Roberts at Charlestown in South Carolina – and further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed before us this 18th day of October 1821

S/ Benjamin Conn, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing 20th of February 1821 for one-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ This MAY be the same man as [Benjamin Conn \(Coren\) R2316](#)