

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Shryock S40406

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4th District of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

Came before me Jonathan Walker President of the 4th Judicial district of Pennsylvania Christian Shryock of the County of Bedford Gunsmith & a resident Citizen of the United States who being duly sworn deposeth & saith. That he the said Christian Shryock in the month of August A.D. 1777 enlisted at Carlisle Pennsylvania as a private Soldier in Captain Nathaniel Irish's Company of Artillery & artificers in Colonel Benjamin Flowers' Regiment in the Pennsylvania line that said deponent served from said time until the month of August or September A.D. 1780 when he was honorably discharged, that the certificate of his said discharge was lodged with Commissary Alexander Power & has never been returned to this deponent though said Power promised to return it that Deponent will on the 11th day of May next be sixty-four years of age is infirm and from his reduced circumstances in life is now in need of Assistance from his country for a support, and that he hath no pension heretofore allowed him by the laws of the United States & if any such exists he does hereby relinquish the same.

Sworn to & subscribed this 23rd day of April 1818

S/ Christian Shryock



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United States of America West in District of Pennsylvania Sct.

Personally came before me Jonathan H Walker, late President and Judge of the 4th Judicial District of Pennsylvania and now Judge of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, the within named Christian Shryock of the County of Bedford Gunsmith, and a resident Citizen of the United States, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he the said Christian Shryock on or about the first day of March A.D. 1775, enlisted in Shepherd's Town [Shepherdstown], Virginia, as a private Soldier in Captain William Dark's Company in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick William Muhlenberg for three years; That being a Gunsmith, he was detained at the United States Works, at Shepherdstown, nearly one year. That in the spring of the year 1776 his Lieutenant Daniel Kulp [Daniel Culp] returned to Shepherdstown and the deponent went with his said Lieutenant Kulp to Winchester to recruit. That at Winchester he the deponent was appointed a recruiting Sergeant and continued to recruit there until after harvest in the same year. That he the deponent then proceeded with the recruits

to Williamsburg in Virginia on his way to join his Regiment at that place; That on his arrival with the recruits at the place last aforesaid, he was informed that the Regiment had marched for the Carolinas. That, at Williamsburg, another set of recruits under Lieutenant Matthias Hyde arrived about the same time. That the deponent with the two parties of recruits under Lieutenants Kulp & Hyde remained for some time to guard the Tories at Williamsburg, until the Troops were ordered to the White Plains. That the deponent together with the recruits raised by Lieutenants Kulp and Hyde was attached to Captain Croghan's Company. That shortly before the detachment reached the White Plains the deponent took sick and was confined with a severe illness when the said orders arrived – that before the detachment marched for the White Plains, the deponent was discharged by Brigadier General Lewis as wholly unfit for service – that the deponent believes that the said discharge was dated sometime in June 1777 – which discharge is long since lost. That the deponent was so discharged as aforesaid before he had served out the term of his enlistment, having served somewhat more than two years he the deponent recovered, viz., in the month of August A.D. 1777, he again enlisted and served in the manner and under the Officers as mentioned in his 1st amended[?] application. That he the deponent was informed that it was unnecessary to detail his 1st enlistment in service in his 1st application by the gentleman who drew up the application, or otherwise it would have been so stated in his said application. That he the deponent well be 65 years of age on the 11th of next Me, if he shall live so long. That he is now very infirm & in reduced circumstances in life, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he hath no pension allowed heretofore by the Government of the United States.

Sworn and subscribed the 6th day of January A.D. 1819 before me

S/ Jonathan H Walker.

S/ Christian Shryock

Western District of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

On the 11th of August 1820 Personally appeared in Open Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of record in and for the said County of Bedford, Christian Shryock aged sixty-seven years, resident in Bedford County in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: – In the 8th Regiment in the Virginia line, commanded by Colonel Frederick William Muhlenberg in a Rifle Company commanded by Captain Dark as will appear by the original declaration of this deponent, dated the 23rd day of April 1818 upon which a pension certificate numbered 5704 was granted to this deponent, on the 25th day of January 1819, And 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 – I have no real estate my personal estate (necessary clothing & bedding excepted) as follows: one blacksmith's bellows, one anvil, one vice, three hammers, four pair of tongs, one shoeing box, one shoeing hammer, one buttress, one pair of pincers, one chair, My occupation is blacksmithing. I am not able to follow it constantly, I have a running sore on one of my legs for 30 years, which becomes painful when I work at my trade, some days I can work all day at other

times half the day, and at other times I am unable to work any from the pain in my leg, and from debility occasioned by age, my family that reside with me is a wife named Phebe about 68 years of age, she has lost the use of her left arm, and is very feeble and almost entirely unable to contribute to our support.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of August A.D. 1820 in open Court

S/ Christian Shryock

[the veteran then re-stated his list of property assigning to it a total value of \$37.25.]