

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

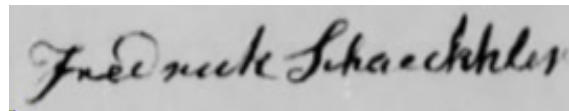
Pension Application of Fredrick Schaeckhler S40415
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania }
Northampton County Ss }

On the 30th day of April AD 1828 personally appeared before me in Open Court at a Court of Common Pleas holden at Easton for the County aforesaid being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a Record of its proceedings Frederick Sheckler aged Sixty-eight years a resident of Lausanne Township in the aforesaid County, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That the said Frederick Sheckler enlisted at Lehigh Township in the said County in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one for the Term of eighteen months, in Colonel [Thomas] Craig's Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, on the Continental Establishment, in a Company commanded by Captain Bush [John Bush BLWt196-300]. The Recruits were marched to the neighborhood of Reading in this State, where they were distributed into different companies, and he was placed in the company commanded by Captain Claypole [Abraham George Claypole] in the aforesaid Third Regiment. He then marched to Philadelphia, and from thence on to Yorktown in Virginia but did not arrive there until a few days after the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. From thence the Regiment proceeded to South Carolina, where after remaining some time the Third Regiment was reduced, and the men placed in different Regiments. He the said Frederick was placed in the Second Regiment commanded by Majors Edwards [Evan Edwards, pension application W10943] and [James] Hamilton in the Company commanded by Capt'n Stadsbury or Stansbury. He remained in South Carolina until the full Term for which he had enlisted was about to expire when he returned with Capt'n Stansbury's Company to Pennsylvania and received an Honorable Discharge, at Lancaster in this State, in the month of January Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Three, from the Colonel of the Regiment, whose name he is not now able to Recollect. This Discharge he gave to John Werner [John Verner S40619] in the year seventeen Hundred and Eighty six, who took it to Philadelphia, where the State of Pennsylvania advertised for the Revolutionary Soldiers to come in and Receive their certificates, and left it in the Controllers Office of the said State. He brought back a certificate for the full amount of his pay and Werner at his request has since enquired for the discharge but has not been able to find it

And in pursuance of the Act of May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

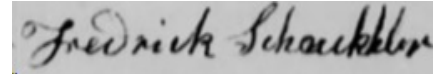


Schedule of property.

I am not a House keeper and have no property real or personal. The following debts are due to me.
one debt of eight dollars.
one debt of two dollars and fifty cents
one debt of one dollar and seventy cents
one debt of forty two dollars.

one debt of forty seven dollars but it cannot be recovered as the Deft. is very poor.
one debt of twenty two dollars.

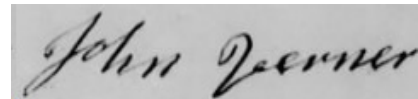
I am indebted in the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Six Dollars and Fifty cents as near as I am able to ascertain the amount. It is due in small sums and to a great many persons. My occupation is that of a Laborer but from age and infirmity I am almost unable to support myself. I have been a Widower for several years past and have now no family. I reside with one of my daughters whose husband has deserted her and left her with Eight children in a State of great destitu[tion] and want; having nothing for her support, except what she and her children earn. I have Five children living, my eldest son is aged about Forty years. My eldest daughter about Forty three. the second daughter is about thirty five the second son is about thirty three and the third daughter is about thirty years of age – all of whom are poor and barely able to support themselves and families. I reside with the eldest daughter



John Werner Being duly sworn according to law says That he is aged seventy two years and a resident of Luzerne County in this Commonwealth. That he is well acquainted with Frederick Sheckler the applicant & that he and the said Frederick served together as privates in Captain Claypoles company, in the third regiment, commanded by Col. Craig, of the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment. That in the year 1781 we marched together to Yorktown in Virginia and from thence to South Carolina – after we had been some time there, the third regiment was reduced, and the men distributed amongst the other regiments. This deponent was transfered to the first regiment and Frederick Sheckler to the second, commanded at that time by Majors Edwards & Hamilton, and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Stadsbury or Stansbury – we remained in South Carolina until the winter of 1782 when the term of service, for which the said Frederick had enlisted, was about to expire and he returned to Pennsylvania – but this Deponent having enlisted for a longer period did not return at this time.

This deponent further states that he has had in his possession the discharge of Frederick Sheckler, signed by the Colonel of his Regiment, whose name he cannot now recollect – that he received it from the said Frederick in the year 1786 when the State of Pennsylvania advertised for the Revolutionary soldiers to come in and receive their certificates. That he took it with him to the Controller's office in said state with a view to receive the certificate of the said Frederick That he did receive the certificate, for the full amount of his pay, and left the said discharge in the possession of the Controller. That at the request of the said Frederick he has since enquired at that office for the said discharge but was unable to procure it and was informed that it could not be found – and further saith not.

[30 April 1828]



Moses Swortwood [sic: Moses Swartwood W6114] of the County of Northampton aged sixty two years, being duly sworn according to law says, That he is well acquainted with Frederick Sheckler, that he and the said Frederick enlisted in this County in the year 1781 for the term of eighteen months that we marched together to the neighbourhood of reading in this State, and were then placed in the Company commanded by Captain Claypole in the third Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, commanded by Colonel Craig, on the Continental establishment. We marched from thence to Yorktown in Virginia and from thence to South Carolina – where the third Regiment was reduced and both Sheckler and this deponent placed in Captain Stadsburys Company in the second Regiment. At the expiration of the term of service for which we both enlisted Sheckler returned home with Capt. Stadsburys company and deponent again enlisted for a longer term of service. He receives a pension from the United States

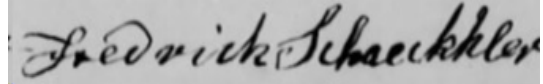
[April 30th 1828]

Moses hisXmark Swartwood

State of Pennsylvania } Ss.

Northampton County } [28 Feb 1832]

Be it known that before me Jefferson R Heckman Esq. a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Frederick Sheckler and made oath in due form of Law that he is the identical person named in an Act of Congress passed on the 20th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty; that he is entitled to a pension of \$8 per month commencing on the 1st January AD 1828 on account of services rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary War; that he served in captain Claypole's and Captain Stansbury's Companies of Infantry in the third regiment; that he now resides in Leighton Northampton County state of Pennsylvania, and has reside there for the space of sixty years last past; and that previous thereto he resided in the County of Berks

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Schaeckler".

NOTE: The file contains a report by the Committee on Military Pensions, which had been directed by a resolution of the House of Representatives to look into Schaeckler's claim. The Committee reported favorably.