

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Mathias Sheets (Shitz) S40423  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

The State of Ohio } Court of Common Pleas.  
Fairfield County, Ss }

on this fifteenth day of October 1828 personally appeared in open Court for the County aforesaid Mathias Sheets resident in said county aged seventy five in November next who being first 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 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Mathias inlisted for the Term of Eighteen months in the spring of the year say May before the taking of Gen'l. Cornwallis at little York [19 Oct 1781] in Shanandoah [sic: Shenandoah] County State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Capt. Smith and Lieutenant Cannon in the Reg't. commanded by Colo. [Thomas] Posey the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't. on the Continental Establishment. that he continued in the service in the said Corps until in the fall of the succeeding year [illegible word] the enlistment and untill his term of 18 months service was expired when he was discharged from the service at the crossing of the Congree [sic: Congaree River] in South Carolina. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the [pension] roll of any state. and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension apply in the year 1818 which was reported and ignorance of the law and my rights under the laws for god knows that I have not been the owner of one Hundred Dollars worth of property at any one time for the last Eleven years, and have been in some measure for my support for that time Dependant upon the labour of my children. And in pursuance of the act of the first of my 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

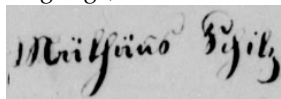
I have no real property nor personal property except a shovel plough worth not one Dollar. my Daughter Susannah aged about 25 years who lives with me has a cow worth about \$6.00. And my son who lives with me William aged about 38 years has an old horse 23 years old by him raised while a member of the family, these two Children and my wife Margaret aged 77 years very infirm and almost Blind, and my self compose the family my profession a Farmer and unable to do but little neither of my children have any real estate and but little property except what is named above and we live on a five acre tract of land in a Cabin thereon, which belongs to Daniel May of said County and he has promised by word that we the old people should have it to live upon until death – that upon the 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1818 he had no property except a cow and some few hogs and that he has not sold any of these, but has used them as meat in the family

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State of Ohio Fairfield County Ss [25 June 1830]

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County, Matthias Schitz, and made oath, that he is of German descent, that he reads the german language, but cannot read or write the english – that he always spell his name in the

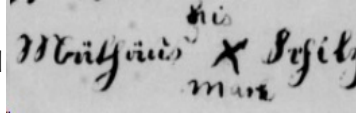
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, which rendered in the English is Matthias Schitz. He further

states that he was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and the first time entered enlisted in Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia for one year which time he served in Scots brigade [sic: Gen. Charles Scott's Brigade] under Col. Boyer[?]. He enlisted a second time in the same County for eighteen months, & was marched to Georgia under Col Posey. Findley [sic: Samuel Finley] was the Major, & part of the time he served under Capt. Smith & then under Lieutenant Kennon after Smith left the service. They followed Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne & he was present at a fight with the Indians between Ebenezer & the Savanna [sic: Skirmish at Ebenezer near Savannah River, 23 Jun 1782], when the horse of the Gen'l. was shot under him. He served out the term for which he enlisted

[The name written here and above by the Judge.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Matthias X. Sheets". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint markings above and below the main text, possibly initials or corrections.

#### NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Albemarle Old Courthouse lists the following: Mathias Sheets/ age 23/ height 5' 10"/ red hair/ blue eyes/ fresh complexion/ pitted by small pox/ planter/ born in Lancaster County PA/ residing in Shenandoah County VA where he was drafted on 9 May 1781 for 18 months. Previously served 12 months in the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Sized on 25 Aug 1781.

On 4 Nov 1835 while a resident of Ross County OH Sheets applied for a new pension certificate.