

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of George Shelton S4670¹

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State of Tennessee, Fentress County

On this the 6th day of January 1834 personally appeared before me Robert Richardson one of the acting Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Fentress aforesaid, George Shelton a resident citizen of the County of Fentress State of Tennessee aged Seventy two years agreeable to his best and undoubted calculation though he has no record of his age and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the Bounds of where is Buncombe County North Carolina he entered said Service under Captain Gray and Lieutenant Williams a drafted private soldier to serve three months against the Cherokee Indians he marched on to various points and direction to and crossed the Catawba River and went to Cathey's Fort, continued there a short time and marched into the Edge of Georgia as he was then informed and finally marched back and was verbally discharged he cannot state the precise time of entering said service and coming but the same but he recollects that he entered the service some time in the winter he thinks near the middle and was discharged some time in the ensuing spring having served three months against the Cherokee Indians this service he thinks was in the year 1777 but owing to old age and want of Education and memory he cannot state positively. He was again drafted to serve a tour of three months against the Indians and entered the service in said County under his said Captain in the Early part of the spring season of the year. He thinks in the year 1778 he again went on under said Captain upwards of 100 miles from home we camped at various places on the Catawba River and was again at Cathey's Fort some time and after going to various places in the nation and having served out his time he was again verbally discharged by his said Captain and returned home. He was again called out as a drafted State Troop to serve nine months agreeable to an act of assembly of North Carolina and was put under Captain Mucklehany [sic, McElhaney] the name of his Col. not recollected he cannot state with certainty the periods of Entering and quitting said service, but during said term of Engagement he was in Battles of King's Mountain & Eutaw Springs, applicant was at Beach Island during said service. He was finally marched to Augusta and there had a written discharge from his said Captain McElhaney. Applicant positively states he was kept in service at least Eleven months this tour and was making in the whole one year and five months applicant has lost his said discharge in some way many years ago and has no written or documentary Evidence of his service and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service. He states that there is no clergyman to be had in his present neighborhood but that

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he is well known in his present neighborhood to Jesse Bean Torrence Dalton William Travis and many other respectable man of veracity who can testify the General Traditionary belief of his neighborhood that he was a soldier of the Revolution applicant was born on James River Virginia really does not know what County was raised in the Country where he lived when he entered the service then lived in said neighborhood many years after the war thence to Rutherford County Tennessee lived there some years thence to Knox County Tennessee staid there about ten years thence to Anderson County said State staid there one year thence to where he now lives in Fentress County Tennessee where he has lived the last Eleven years.

Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity Except the present and Declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert H. Richardson, J. P.

S/ George Shelton, X his mark

[William Travis, John Prewitt, Jesse Bean gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Fentress County

On this the 26th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me John McClellan a justice of the peace in and for the County of Fentress State of Tennessee George Shelton a resident citizen of said County and after being duly sworn for that purpose on his oath makes this amendment to his original Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, he states that as it is wholly out of his power to prove his service as to his last mentioned Tour in his original Declaration as well as to the two first mentioned Tours, he prays the War Department to again consider of the matter and grant him a pension as they may in accordance with the Rules prescribed be authorized to follow, and if he cannot be allowed for the last mentioned Tour that said Tour be considered as relinquished. He in this amendment suggest to the War Department, that if he should be allowed a pension, he thinks it would be greatly to his convenience to be enrolled as a pensioner at Knoxville rather than Nashville.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ John McClellan, JP

[fn p. 10: On March 29, 1855 in Fentress County Tennessee, George Shelton, about 100, filed a claim for his bounty land entitlement as a soldier in the revolution.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]