

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Sharp S6086

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State of Virginia County of Prince Edward: Sc. On this 19th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Prince Edward; now sitting; Josiah Sharp a resident of this County, aged seventy years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz.: Was drafted as a Militia man from the County of Cumberland, he thinks in the month of January 1781, was attached to a Company commanded by Captain Creed Haskins, marched from his County to Petersburg Virginia at that place was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Lawson (thinks the Regiment was No. 27) from Petersburg marched to Cabin point in Virginia, then to Stoner & Mackey's Mills: thence to the Long bridge near Portsmouth Virginia, where the British Army under Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] was lying, he (Sharp) was with a scouting party of the American troops and was engaged in a severe skirmish with the British troops between the long bridge and Portsmouth, after which the British Army left Portsmouth and the American troops marched to Suffolk, where a part of them remained, and the balance (he Sharp with them) marched to Petersburg and was discharged, having served fourteen weeks, there was some American regulars at Long bridge, but the Regiment to which he (Sharp) was attached was not attached to the regular troops, recollects only one regular officer (Captain Delloman [perhaps a mistaken reference to Christian Charles de Klauaman]) had no written discharge the Militia was discharged by Companies.

The same year about the 1st of June was called out again as a militia man from the same County (Cumberland) and attached to a Company, commanded by Captain Richard Allen, and at Cartersville in Cumberland, joined the Regiment under command of Captain Henry Skipwith, and from the place last mentioned marched to New Kent County where we joined other American troops, under the command of General Morgan, from thence we marched down to old Jamestown on James River, at that place was engaged in a severe battle with the British troops commanded by Lord Cornwallis after which the British troops went on board their shipping and around to Little York. The Regiment to which he (Sharp) was attached was then marched back to Richmond and were discharged by Companies again, the men had no written discharges, served this tour 12 weeks. –

After the last mentioned tour he (Sharpe) had only been at home about a fortnight and was again called on as a drafted Militia man from the same County and was a 2nd time attached to Captain Richard Allen's Company, marched from Cumberland to Richmond; where they were organized and received arms, was there attached to Colonel Skipwith's Regiment again, and marched on without delay to Little York where we joined the main American Army under command of

General George Washington; who was engaged besieging the British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis, he (Sharpe) was engaged in that siege from that time until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] after which he was discharged, this tour was 14 weeks, and on this tour became acquainted with General Lafayette, Morgan, Wayne, and Steuben had no written discharge this tour. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That he knows of no person who can prove his term of service nor does he know of any Minister of the Gospel who can be procured to attend court to testify as to any general opinion of the neighborhood of his services. –

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in the County of Cumberland the 26 March 1761.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age in my Bible now in my possession. –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I lived in Cumberland County State of Virginia; After the Revolutionary war, I lived 8 years in the County of Amelia, and for about 30 years I have lived and do now live in the County of Prince Edward.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted each and every time never was a substitute.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Answers to all the above questions are given in the body of my declaration, so far as recollected.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a written discharge. –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Colonel Thomas Scott, Captain William Carter, Asa Dupuy, Branch J. Worsham & John D. Crute

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Josiah Sharp

[William Carter and Asa Dupuy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 10 days in the Virginia militia.]