

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph Sharpe S7482
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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

On this twenty-second day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions, now sitting, Joseph Sharpe a resident of the County of Iredell and State of North Carolina aged eighty years, who 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 & served as herein stated.

That he first served in a Company commanded by Captain George Davidson which Company was one of four commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin. That such service commenced in the fall of 1775 but the day or month cannot now be recollected. That he enlisted in said Company as a private and a volunteer. They were mustered at Salisbury the County Seat of Rowan which then included the County of Iredell where he lived as well then as now. They were detained at this place about a month & then marched to Captain George Davidson in same County & after remaining there some short time directed to their course into South Carolina where they met with a large body of militia under the command of General Rutherford, Major Rutherford & General William Davidson.

They marched to the neighborhood of Ninety Six where a number of Tories were assembled whom they defeated and dispersed upon which he returned with his company to Captain George Davidson's. That the Term of service for which he enlisted was 12 months and a half of the term he served himself as above; for the other half he hired a substitute.

He next served in the Cherokee campaign in the Company of Captain Nichols under General Rutherford as commander in chief. They started on this expedition in the summer of 1776-- remained some time at Cathey's Fort on the Head of Catawba River – marched then into the Indian Country to the Overhill Towns which they destroyed & afterwards returned to their homes, after (as he thinks) a tour of four months though he is unable to state dates. He was a private and a volunteer & upon return was dismissed without a discharge.

He next Served as volunteer in Captain David Caldwell's Company which was under the Command of Colonel Paisley of Guilford County in and during the winter of 1776 – they were marched to the vicinity of Camden in South Carolina & kept in Camp at Kershaw's Mills until the alarm on account of the Tories & British had somewhat subsided. He was a volunteer and served for the term of three months. He next served in Captain Sloan's Company, which was commanded by Colonel Francis Locke. In this company he held the Commission of Lieutenant which is annexed & marked No. 1 but which is in part destroyed – the Great Seal of the State together with a certificate

which was tacked to it being torn off. He was a volunteer & entered this service in June 1780 when he with other militia assembled in Lincoln County N. C. to make head against the Tories – that they marched in various directions through the country, until they came up with and defeated a large body in a battle known by the name of Ramsour's after which he was dismissed, having served about 15 days. He next served under General William Davidson then Colonel in the regular service with Colonel Francis Locke commanded the detachment in which he had a Commission of Captain & commanded a company – said commission is annexed and marked No. 2 – he was called out on this service in July 1780 & marched to the mouth of Rocky River in Montgomery County N. C. against the Tories where an action took place & the Tories were dispersed – served about 10 days or more – He next volunteered as a private in a horse company commanded by Captain Reid & Col. William R. Davie, in the fall of 1780 after Gates defeat – that they were embodied in the vicinity of Charlotte N. C. to protect the adjacent Country against the attacks of the British & Tories & we were engaged in several skirmishes with them – he served at this time three months – He next served under Col. George Davidson & still held his Commission of Captain & acted as such in an expedition to Broad River against Colonel Ferguson previous to the Battle of King's Mountain-- he cannot recollect the date but was out about 15 days – He next served as Captain of a Company under Colonel Francis Locke. He was stationed at the Island Ford on the Catawba River to prevent the passage of Cornwallis's Army on their march north through the State – and after being there some days, he was ordered down to Beatties Ford on the same River – But the British had effected a passage before he reached there. He then with other militia retreated before them towards Salisbury. This tour lasted about 15 or 20 days. He next served as Captain of Company under General Pickens, Colonel Lee & Colonel Locke – was marched from Rowan to Orange County N. C. -- was engaged in two partial [?] actions, one with the British & the other with the Tories above; they were called the Battles of Alamance. He entered said service (as he thinks) in January 1781 & was dismissed in March following and he Served or was out about 48 days.

He further states that the mode and times of the services in which he entered were very irregular & governed by circumstance – That he was uniformly a volunteer in every tour which he performed & was called upon on every occasion of alarm from the British & also the Tories who were numerous and active in the adjoining Counties. That on such occasions he was always ready either as an officer or a private on horse or foot to take the Field upon the summons of any officer who would assume command. These being so irregular -- & so frequent and each term so short that he never applied for or obtained any discharges -- & therefore has no proof of that kind to produce. He further knows of no evidence either of persons or documents except what is contained herein to establish his claim.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ A. Simonton, Clk.

S/ Joseph Sharpe

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We Hugh Andrews, Andrew Carson and William Falls residing in Iredell County North Carolina hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Joseph Sharpe who has sworn to & subscribed the above declaration, that we believe him to be 80 years of age. That he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution & that we concur in that opinion.

The said Hugh Andrews¹ further states that he was in service when & where the battle of Alamance, herein mentioned, took place & that he believes the statement of Joseph Sharpe of his services there is true & correct.

¹ [Hugh Andrews S6514](#)

The said William Falls² also states that he was present at the Battle of Ramsour's, was in the Cherokee campaign & at the Alamance and believes the statement of Joseph Sharpe of his services then & there to be true & correct.

The said Andrew Carson³ further states that he was in the Cherokee Campaign & believes the statement of Josie Sharpe of his Services then & there to be true & correct.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above.

S/ Hugh Andrews
 S/ Andrew Carson
 S/ Wm Falls

[NC State Comptrollers Dept. certified the disbursements to a Capt. Joseph Sharp[sic] who served, among others, under Pickens]

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State of North Carolina, Iredell County

This day personally appeared Joseph Sharpe before me the Subscribing justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, and being Sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

He Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

In his first tour as mentioned in his declaration he Served a volunteer & a private in the foot (see his declaration)	6 months
Second tour he was also a volunteer and a private in the foot	4
Third tour he was a private & volunteer in the foot	<u>3</u>
	fore 13.0
Fourth tour a volunteer lieutenant in the horse	15 [days]
Fifth tour a volunteer Captain in the horse	10 [days]
Sixth tour a volunteer as a private in the horse	3.00 [mos]
Seventh tour a volunteer Captain in the horse	15 [days]
Eighth tour a Captain in the horse	15 [days]
Ninth tour a Captain in the horse	<u>48 [days]</u>
	19.18

And for such Service he claims a pension

² [William Falls S6834](#)

³ [Andrew Carson S8173](#)

Pri: 13 mos.
Lieut. 1/2 mo
pri 3 mo
Capt. 1/3
do 2.18 2.28

He was born in the year 1753 Cecil County Maryland

He has a record in a Bible taken from a record in his father's Bible.

He was living when he was called into Service in what is now Iredell what was then Rowan County and has lived there ever since & now lives there.

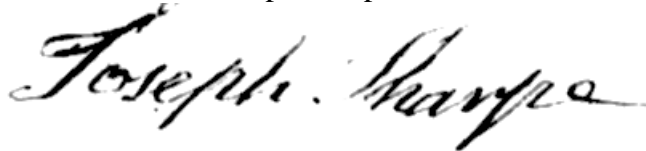
He was always a volunteer.

He has Stated in his declaration the name of his officers. He also became acquainted with Colonel Washington of the horse.

He has no recollection of ever receiving any written discharge.

He refers to Andrew Carson, Hugh Andrews and William Falls.

S/ Joseph Sharpe



Sworn & Subscribed before me this 21st of June 1833

S/ J. Campbell, JP

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State of North-Carolina.

To *Joseph Sharpe (gentleman)*

WE, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism; Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity, do by these Presents constitute and appoint you to be *Lieutenant in Captain, Sloan's Company of Foot in the New York Regiment of Artillery under the Command of Col. Francis Pickens*
You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of *Lieutenant*

by exercising and well disciplining the Officers and Soldiers under your Command, and by doing and performing all Manner of Things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers under your Command to be obedient to your Orders as

Lieutenant And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions, from Time to Time, as you shall receive from your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Directions of military Discipline, and the Laws of this State.

WITNESS ABNER NASH, Esquire, Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, in and over the said State, under his Hand, and Seal *at Newbern* the *Twenty fourth* Day of *May* Anno Dom. 1780 and in the *fourth* Year of our Independence,

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STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA.

Joseph Sharp CAPTAIN

WE reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotic conduct, and fidelity, DO by these presents, constitute you *Captain of a company of militia* in *of which I am commanded by George Rains*

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty *of this* by exercising and well disciplining the *company* under your command, and by doing and performing *the same according to* and we do strictly charge *and soldiers* under your command, to be obedient to *you* and you are to observe and follow such *directions* and you are to observe and follow such *directions*, from time to time, as you shall receive from your superiors, according to the directions of military discipline and the laws of the State.

WITNESS, SAMUEL JOHNSTON, Esquire, our Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, under his Majesty the Great Seal of the State, which he hath caused to be affixed, at *Charlotte* the *fourth* day of *August* Anno Domini, 1781, and in the 10th year of our Independence.

Samuel Johnston
Johnston

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$176.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months & 13 days service as a private, Lieutenant & Captain in the North Carolina militia.]