

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Shaw S7484

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State of Virginia }

County of Harrison }

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Harrison county now sitting Charles Shaw of Harrison County, and State afforesaid aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the Spring of 1781 His residence being in the County of Fawquire [sic: Fauquier] in the State of Virginia He was drafted in a company under the command of Capt. William Helmes marched to Richmond and joined the Regt. commanded by Col. Elias Edmonds From thence to York Town where he remained in the service untill the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct] After which he was detailed to guard the Prisoners to Winchester where he was discharged Having served six months. he obtained a written which has since been lost He remembers that Lawson Burges was Adjutant to the Regt. to which he belonged he also remembers to have seen General Washington and the Marquis D Lafayette at York Town He removed from Fawquire to Harrison County where he now resides He is acquainted with the Rev. Jedediah Siers Francis T. Hataway Adam Manier and various others residing in the neighborhood to whom reference may be had That he has no documentary evidence which go to prove the above service but relies upon the affidavit of William Ford [pension application S8506] hereunto annexed. 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

Charles hisXmark Shaw

[Certified on 8 Dec 1832 by Hamilton Goss, a clergyman, and Jacob Coplin.]

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personally appeared before me Sam'l Kimble a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid - William Foard of monongahale [sic: Monongalia] County & made oath in Due form of Law. that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war - & that Charles Shaw of the County aforesaid served with him - under Col. Edmonds - & both was Discharged near winchester va. in the fall 1781 - Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1832- Sam'l. Kemble J.P.

J. L. Edwards }

Comm'r of pensions }

Sir I am importuned day after day by the rejected pensioners in this region — I will now mention 2 cases of rejection which I most concienciously believe are entited to the full am't which they were drawing To wit Ch's Shaw of this County & Wm Ford of Monongalia County - I in person examined Shaw & reported his case to Mr. Shington [sic: District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia] when I examined him, he gave me a clear and ful detail of his servises - Such an one as he could not given had he not done the service - he is a simple & honest old man. - you informed me that he states in his declaration that he was drafted for 6 months &c - he stated to me that he was a substitute for George Johnson &c - he has lately been to see me, I have againe examined him, he gives me the same narative he did before - I then asked him why he had stated in his declaration that he was drafted - he then said he was drafted to go for Johnson &c - the old man did not know the meaning of the Two terms - draft - substitute - That is he thought both words meant the same thing - he says his agent who got him on the pension roll asked him if he was drafted & he told him he was - did not tell him he had gone in the place of Johnson

Wm Ford I did not examine him, I recollect that Mr Singleton told me that Fords mind was much impairid, that he had not given him a satisfactory narative &c &c - I am told by many that it is notorious that Ford served a greater part of the war - that there is 2 or 3 persons now

living who know him, & know of his service - It is said that he proved his service when he made his declaration - his friends have come over some 3 or 4 times from Mononglia to get me to go and examin witnesses in his Fords behalf, they say that the witnesses are to infirm to travel &c &c - or they would fetch them to this place - from what I hear, I doubt not in the least, but that Ford should be returned on the pension list - I hope you will reaviewing[?] the two above cases

Very Respectfully your obt svt Nathan Goff [pension agent at Clarksburg]

Fairmont, Marion Co. Va Jany 8<sup>th</sup> 1851.

Dear Sir, I am authorized & requested to call up the claim of Charles Shaw of Harrison Co. Va to a pension & prosecute the same. Mr Shaw was a pensioner for a number of years, until, as he alledges & as is here believed, he was improperly stricken from the roll. Mr Shaw is a very old man & is believed to have rendered the necessary service. I desire to call up this case through you, and this is to request you to prosecute the same & at your earliest convenience let me hear from you & the Dept.

Mr Shaw is very infirm & in absolute want, it is to be hoped therefore, that if he is entitled the Government will not withhold it from him. And if he is ever benefitted thereby, it must be soon. Is it, therefore, asking too much of the Dept to examine the case of this old soldier at once, and give him the bounty of his country whilst he lives?

Yours truly A English

S. Godwin Esqr Washington D.C.

State of Virginia }  
Harrison County } SS.

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1851, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for said county, Charles Shaw a resident of said Count, and made oath in due form of law that he is the identical Charles Shaw who drew a Pension from the United States Government, of twenty dollars per annum for about two years; that in, or about the year, 1834, he was struck off of the Pension roll, since which time he has not drawn anything; he thinks he drew up to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1834. That since that time he has had to move several times, by which means, or some other his original Pension Certificate has been either lost or destroyed & cannot be found. And he makes this statement under oath to obtain from the proper Department a new Pension Certificate

Charles hisXmark Shaw

[On the same day James Shaw deposed that he was living with his father at the time he was stricken from the pension roll. In a letter dated 18 Mar 1851 the pension agent at Wheeling stated that a new pension voucher had been presented, and he requested authorization to honor it.]