

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Shipp S7487

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On this 5th day of January 1835 personally appeared before me Charles Banner one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Thomas Shipp at his own place of Residence in the County of Stokes in North Carolina aged Seventy Seven years last October, who being sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 (saith that he is debilitated from the infirmities of old age so that he cannot well attend the Court of said County a distance of nearly twenty miles to make his declaration) declares that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and Served as herein after stated, (to wit)

That some time in the Spring of the year 1778 or 1779, he cannot remember which, he entered the Service as a private Volunteer Soldier in a horse company under Captain Joseph Cloud & John Martin was Lieutenant and met at Richmond it being then Surry County Court house, near the Yadkin River North Carolina; when & where we were Rendezvoused for Several days with other Captains' Companies, under the Command of Colonel Martin Armstrong; at which time there were many neighborhoods in Surry & the adjoining Counties that were disaffected or what was called Tories; & it was reduced to a certainty that in many Sections of the State & Counties near us; & in Surry they had formed themselves into Companies; Our Commanding officer, Colonel Armstrong & Major Joseph Winston, ordered & detached our Captains with their Companies to march some North some West, to the South & East in order to Suppress & rout the Tories if possible, in all directions; my Captain marched towards Dan River, & on our way we received information that a party of Tories had been ranging through the neighborhood of Major Winston & they had plundered & robbed Captain Ambrose Blackburn of considerable property & others also; Major Winston joined with us, when we pursued the trail of the Tories across the Soira [?] Town Mountain and at length we overtook them at Camp not far from Dan River on the Chestnut Ridge where we had a small skirmish with them; our Company sustained no damage except one of Captain Cox's horses was Shot by the Tories. We killed three of the Tories & the others fled, leaving us all their plunder, such as horses, Saddles, Blankets, some Guns &c &c, we endeavored to overtake them again, But owing to the Broken hilly Woods they escaped to the Blue Ridge of Mountains; we then marched Southwardly passing old Richmond & crossing the Yadkin & through the Tories settlements in the forks of the Yadkin in

Rowan County N. C., then Westwardly through the Brushy Mountains or Fox Knobs in Wilkes [County] & passing by Allen's old Iron Works & crossing the Yadkin River Several times. In this expedition we arrested a number of Suspected men and conveyed them to Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] who examined, punished some & released a part & others were compelled to join the United Army, and after remaining three months in this Service this applicant was discharged by Captain Cloud & went home; and Shortly after was called out on several occasions as a Ranger sometimes was out a week or 10 days & perhaps more I cannot recollect therefore I do not pretend to claim for those short routes.

The next I entered as a Volunteer horse man (& furnished my own nag at all times) for three months as a private Soldier under Captain Cloud aforesaid in Col Armstrong's Regiment of Surry County Militia & met at old Richmond aforesaid and after being organized in the month of July or August in the year 1780, marched across the Yadkin River into Rowan County I think & joined the Troops commanded by Col Cleveland & Major Winston near the Catawba River then marched across said River & in a few days Captain Cloud's Lieutenant John Martin & one Thomas Lankford being out as Spies, a party of Tories lay in ambush & fired on them; the Lieutenant fell from his nag. Mr. Lankford brought the news to our Camps when this applicant with the Company went to the spot where the Lieutenant was wounded, there was sign of the blood on the ground. The Tories had fled with our Lieutenant's fine mare & his gun &c when we returned to Camp our Lieutenant Martin had arrived and a Mr. Deatherage [?] was then extracting the small shot out of one side of his head; from that place said Lieutenant was sent home to Surry; our troops then marched in great haste in pursuit of the enemy and a strange part of the Country to this applicant; until we reached a place called the Cowpens where Col Cleveland & Major Winston allowed us one hour only for to cook, eat & feed our forces, then we mounted & road in a hurry and the next day I believe it was that our troops Surrounded the Enemy & killed & took the whole of them under the command of a Colonel Forgusson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain where the said Ferguson fell in the Battle, at which place we tarried all night. The next morning we hurried off with the wounded & prisoners & marched toward Surry County & crossed the Yadkin River at the Shallow ford; a few miles from which place Captain Cloud & his Company was discharged & fresh Companies took our places & guarded the prisoners to Bethabara old Moravian Town; In this Service I served forty days at the least & [was] discharged.

The next Service I volunteered as a private militia man on foot under the Command of Captain David Humphras [Humphries?] at Richmond Surry County North Carolina above mentioned in the summer 1781 and marched from thence to Martinsville in Guilford County North Carolina where we joined Col. James Martin's Regiment in General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Brigade, and after remaining at that place for some time I cannot tell how long was marched down the country through Several Counties in North Carolina I cannot recollect their names until we reached Cape Fear River (a distance of about two hundred miles) where we were Stationed some length of time until some time in November; and on a certain day, at a large brick building near Wilmington North Carolina, the glorious news reached our Camps, that Cornwallis the Commander of the British forces had surrendered to Genl. Washington: upon which good news, great rejoicing & firing took place in our whole Army, on that occasion; then our

troops was disbanded & returned homewards & our Company marched & was to receive discharges at Salem in the then Surry County North Carolina when this applicant received a written discharge for a three month Tour from Captain Humphreys, for all of which Service this applicant claims a pension, that is to say four months & ten days as a light horse man and for three months on foot in the Militia.

He states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his Service as before stated; as he has lost his discharges, & does not know what became of them, But thinks he can prove most of them by the Testimony of Benjamin Jones,¹ Lewis Wolff,² Edwin Hickman³ & William Southern⁴ of Stokes County; whereupon I proceeded to propound the following questions, prescribed by the War department which said applicant made answer to, as follows (to wit)

first: that he was born in Lunenburg County in Virginia

2nd : that he has a record in his Bible that his parents stated he was born the 26th day of October 1757

3rd : that he lived in Surry County North Carolina when he entered every Service, & has resided in the same neighborhood ever since, which from the division of Surry is now in that part called Stokes County

4th : that he entered the service in every instance as a Volunteer & would not stand a draft

5th :that he saw & knew Joel & William Lewis who he believes were Regular officers at the battle of King's Mountain also all the other officers that he has named in the foregoing declaration & a number of Others he has forgotten

6th : that he is not positive of having received but one written discharge, which was from Captain David Humphries, as stated above & if he did, he has lost them all, as he never expected they would be of any Benefit to him &c

7th : he believes that Edwin Hickman & Colonel Matthew R. Moore will Testify as to his character & his services above stated &c.

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 and subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Thos Shipp



[Edwin Hickman & Matt R. Moore signed the standard verification certificate]

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State of North Carolina Stokes County: SS

Be it known that on the 29th day of December 1835 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid personally appeared

1 [Benjamin Jones S7076](#)

2 [Lewis Wolf \(Wolff\) W4403](#)

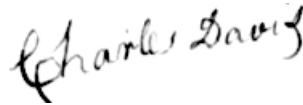
3 [Edwin Hickman S8712](#)

4 [William Southern S7575](#)

Charles Davis⁵ who is a Pensioner of the United States & a resident of the County aforesaid, who being sworn declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Shipp during the Revolutionary War (who is now an applicant for a pension) & then resided in the County of Surry North Carolina, at or near the same place where he now resides; which from the division of Surry is now Stokes County; that during a considerable portion of the War there was a number of the militia of said County kept in readiness, & called as minute men who were often called out by the Commanding Officers in cases of emergencies, in order [to] rebuke & suppress the Tories, and this deponent being one of those minute man himself declares that he saw the said Thomas Shipp frequently in the service under the Command of Officers who lived in the upper end of the County this deponent residing on the lower part thereof and from the acquaintance he had then & ever since, with said Shipp, he has just reason to believe that when a call was for men to be drafted or volunteers, the said Shipp turned out a Volunteer in the Service of the United States & that he was a good & faithful Soldier, disbelief was substantiated from the information that this deponent received from Major Joseph Winston & private Soldiers that said Shipp served under & with in the expedition to & at the Battle of Kings Mountain & a Tour of three months when they killed, defeated a parcel of Tories at the Chestnut Ridges near Dan River when he was in Captain Joseph Cloud's Company – this deponent further saith not & subscribed this his affidavit the date first above mentioned before me.

S/ C Banner, JP

S/ Charles Davis



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State of North Carolina Stokes County: On this 10th day of January 1835 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace for the County personally appeared Benjamin Jones a Pensioner of the United States & he being sworn deposed & saith on his oath, that he saw & knew Thomas Shipp (who is now making application for a pension) in the Service of the United States into Tours, the first was at old Richmond under Captain Cloud & marched own horses towards Town fork & Dan River in pursuit of Tories & we met again near the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County when they informed us that they had routed the Tories & British & had, had a small skirmish & killed 2 or 3 of the enemy near Dan River, then they had been out 10 or 11 weeks, he thinks this was a bout one year before the Battle of Kings Mountain, this Deponent saw & knew said Shipp serving in Captain Cloud's Company of horse in the expedition going to & at the Battle of Kings Mountain, when we killed & took prisoners the whole the British & Tories in that engagement & returned to the Moravian Towns with them, this Deponent believes that Captain Cloud & his Company was discharged somewhere near the Town & thinks said Shipp served at least 7 weeks as he himself knows he served longer than that. Sworn & so subscribed the day & year above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

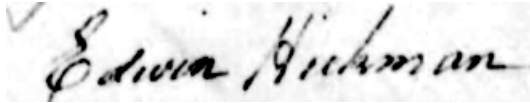
S/ Benjamin Jones, X his mark

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⁵ [Charles Davis S6785](#)

State of North Carolina Stokes County: SS

Be it known that on this 5th day of January 1835 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Edwin Hickman a resident of said [County] & Pensioner of the United States who being sworn according to law to declare that he remembers of Thomas Shipp of said County (an applicant for a pension) having rendered Services to the United States during the Revolutionary war, declares on his oath, that he knew that said Thomas Shipp served a Tour of duty in a militia Company from Surry County North Carolina with this Deponent under a Captain David Humphras in Colonel James Martin's Regiment in General Rutherford's Brigade that he saw & knew said Shipp was with them at the Raft Swamps and at the time when information came to Army near Wilmington North Carolina that the British Army under Lord Cornwallis had surrendered to General Washington the exact date he does not recollect. But that our Army was disbanded & permitted to return to their respective homes & thinks it was in the fall of the year after Guilford Battle & sometime after which this deponent received a discharge for a 3 months Tour of duty & expects that said Thomas Shipp received one also. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me
S/ C. Banner, JP S/ Edwin Hickman



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On this 8th day of January 1835 personally appeared before me William Southern a Pensioner of the United States & Resident of Stokes County North Carolina who being sworn according to law, declares on his oath, that he is well acquainted with the above named Thomas Shipp, that he served a three months Tour of Service with him in an expedition in the militia Marched under Captain David Humphras from Richmond or Surry County Courthouse to Guilford then to Wilmington North Carolina passing through the Raft Swamps near Cape Fear River in the year 1781 and Colonel James Martin's Regiment from Guilford County, and some time previous thereto he saw said Shipp at Richmond aforesaid serving as a horseman under Captain Joseph Cloud in an expedition to rout Tories & British when this deponent was in another company commanded by Captain Bostick was marched towards Salisbury North Carolina, and information reached our Camps that Major Winston with Captain Cloud's Company in which said Thomas Shipp served, had defeated a party of Tories & some British near Dan River & had killed one Englishman & to Tories, which this deponent has just reason to believe was the case & that Shipp was present at the engagement as he believes,
Sworn & subscribed this 8th of January 1835 before me
S/ C Banner, JP S/ William Southern, X his mark

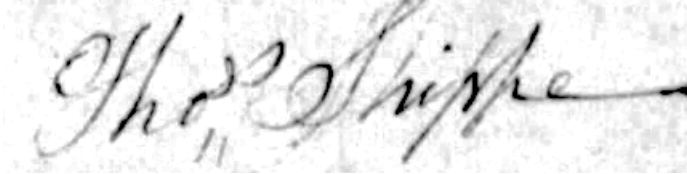
State of North Carolina County of Stokes: 1835 December Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions. Thomas Shipp the claimant who signed the foregoing declaration before Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace came into open Court & being sworn according to law declares on oath that the said Declaration is the same one that he sworn to & subscribed before the said Justice of the Peace is just & true, and in addition thereto, as an amendatory declaration, he declares that he believes he served longer than he claims and on all occasions served under proper officers & was lately enrolled and discharged by

his proper commanding officers & at certain periods was stationed in garrison or in actual service in the militia of the United States & further states that it is out of his power to prove by the testimony of witnesses all his Services as they are either dead or removed and saith that he was unable to attend Court when he made his declaration.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the 15th day of December 1835 before me

S/ Wm Cox, JP

S/ Thomas Shippe

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thos Shippe". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are fluid and connected, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the word "Shippe".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.04 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 4 1/3 months service in the cavalry and 3 months service in the infantry of the North Carolina militia.]