Pension Application of Frederick Shearin S7495 NC
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State of No. Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
Warren County } August Co. A.D. 1832.

On this 29th of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the said Court now sitting, it being a Court of Record, Frederick Shearin a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the Cou[nty] of Bute (now Warren) in July 1761 as appears from a record contained in an old Bible exhibited to the Co. He was drafted in the early part of the year 1780 in a Tour of service for a term of Four months in the said Co. of Bute. His Captain's name was Edward Clanton of the County of Bute. His Colonels name was [Benjamin] Seawell and General Ned Sumner [Jethro Sumner] of said County commanded the whole. After being drafted they marched to the rendezvous at Eafield[?] C.H. from thence to the south to join Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates's Army – when we had arrived at Cheraw Hills So. Car. on the Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River] we were met by some of the men who were with Gen'l. Gates and who informed us of his defeat at the Battle of Camden [on 16 Aug 1780]. From Cheraw we were marched northwestwardly towards Ramsey's Mills [in Chatham County NC on Deep River] in which neighborhood the Regulators [see endnote] were carry a high hand. from Ramsey's Mills we marched to the Island Ford on the Yadkin where he was taken sick and before he recovered he was discharged, his term having expired. His discharge is lost & he has no one by whom he can prove his services.

Some time in the early part of the year 1781. he was again drafted on a Tour of 3 months service in same County. His Captain's name was Jordan Harris. Col. Haines [sic: Herbert Haynes] & Gen'l. Thos. Eaton [Thomas Eaton]. first marched to Harrisburg (now Oxford) Granville Cty. N.C. thence to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough]. thence to Guilford C.H. N.C. he was pres[ent] at the engagement at that place [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and was severely wounded after this Battle the American army was dispersed [sic: see endnote]. This affiant being badly wounded never again joined the army, but his term being nearly out he was sent homewards in the public Waggons During this last Tour he was accompanied by Jos. Johnson [Joseph Johnson, pension application S7085] & Frank Riggan [S9054] whose affidavits appear below.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above Fred hisXmark Shearin

NOTES:

The Regulators were a pre-Revolutionary faction. Shearin probably meant "Tories."

After the Battle of Guilford Courthouse the main southern army under Gen. Nathanael Greene rendezvoused at Troublesome Iron Works, then pursued the Army of Cornwallis as far as Ramsey's Mill before entering South Carolina.