

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Shackelford: S7499

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State of Virginia Henry County towit

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Henry now sitting William Shackelford a resident of the county of Henry and State aforesaid aged seventy two 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the year 1777. he volunteered under Capt David Pannil[?] in the County of King William as a volunteer and marched to Williamsburg and joined a regiment of Virginia Militia the No. not now recollected commanded by Colo [David] Mason who shortly after resigned when Colo Jno Hickman commanded in his place. That he continued in service for one month & was discharged. afterwards in the year 80 he was drafted as a Militiaman in September & marched under Capt Ware to Little York thence to Rich land[?] Creek and then to Warwick Court House [now in Newport News] and continued to serve for two months. He states that during this time he was principally engaged in watching to see if any of the Enemies Shipping was going up the river. he was then discharged. After this in March of 1781 he was again drafted as a Malitiaman. marched under the command of Capt Peyton Sterns in the county of Caroline. the applicant having removed to Kent county was attached to a regiment commanded by Colo Mathews, belonging to the brigade under the command of Genl Thos Nelson. he was marched to four miles creek. then to the new Magazine near Williamsburg. he joined the main army at Richmond and retreated before the Enemy to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] Court House where they met the Regular Army under Genl [Anthony] Wayne [Jul 1781] turned & pursued the Enemy as far as Hanover and he was dismissed relief having come to his assistance. he was in the service in this tour four months. after his return home he remained only two weeks when he was again ordered out under Capt Jameson. attached to the regiment under Colo Anthony Thorn and marched to Glouster [sic: Gloucester]. Thorn having left them they were commanded by one Colo Messer[?] & was in the brigade commanded by Genl Weaton [sic: George Weedon]. the regiment was called Colo Messer's Grenadiers. He was in the action at Powell's[?] Old field. he was stationed on the Gloucester side until Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] when he was discharged. He states he was dismissed without receiving any writing. he states that he was during this tour in service three months.

He states that he was born in the County of King William in the year 1759. his birth was recorded as he has been informed by his father, but he does not now know where it is. he removed first to the County of Caroline where he resided about one year. it was owing to this that he was drafted so soon after a former term of service in the year 1781. he removed to the County of Montgomery in Virginia where resided two years. Then removed to the County of Henry where he resided five years. he then removed to Powhattan [sic: Powhatan] where he lived fourteen years then removed again to Henry where he has resided ever since. He says he is acquainted with the Honbl N H Claiborne - Ludwell Stone. Jno Crews. Othneal Minter. Colo Joseph Martin & many others

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity.

William hisXmark Shackelford