

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Shackelford S7506

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State of Virginia King and Queen County to wit

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the said County Court of King and Queen Alexander Shackelford a resident of the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia aforesaid aged Seventy-four years in October last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 viz.

That on the 3rd day of February 1777 he enlisted as a fifer under Captain Charles Colier [Charles Collier] for the term of three years in the first Virginia Regiment State line, that in July following Captain Collier resigned and was succeeded in command by Captain Abner Crump under whom he served out the remainder of his term that he served under the following Officers George Gibson Colonel, John Allison Lieutenant Colonel, Thomas Meriwether Major, Abner Crump Captain Jacob Valentine Lieutenant, John Marston Ensign, that he received his discharge from Lieutenant Colonel John Allison in Petersburg sometime in the latter part of July 1780 and left the service after having served three years and nearly five months. That he resided in the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia when he enlisted in the service, that he was in the battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], and he marched through the states of Maryland – Pennsylvania and into New Jersey, that he has no documentary evidence now in his possession, his discharge having been destroyed by washing a waistcoat in the pocket of which it was accidentally left. That he knows of but one man now living who served with him during the aforesaid service viz. Richard Shackelford Senior¹ of the County of Essex and State of Virginia.

That he the said Alexander Shackelford hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Alexander Shackelford, X his mark

[William Todd, a clergyman, and Thomas F. Spencer, Colonel Commandant of the County, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Richard Shackelford of the County of Essex and State of Virginia aged 77 years do upon oath certify that I am well acquainted with Alexander Shackelford of the County of King & Queen now an applicant for a pension Under the Law of Congress Passed June 7th 1832 Entitled an Act

¹ [Richard Shackelford S38369](#)

Supplementary to an Act for the Relief of Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution we both entered the service at the same time to wit on the 3rd day of February 1777 he under Captain Charles Collier and I under Captain Thomas Armistead that we served together for more than three years when I was discharged leaving him still in service. That during the aforesaid time we passed together through the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania and New Jersey that we were together at the battle of Monmouth and that the said Alexander Shackelford all the aforesaid time demeaned himself as a faithful and valiant soldier of the revolutionary war. Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1833.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a fifer in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] King & Queen County legislative petitions

To the honourable The General Assembly of the State of Virginia

The petition of Alexander Shackelford of the County of King & Queen and State aforesaid a Soldier of the revolution Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner was enlisted on the 3rd day of February 1777 by Charles Collier a Capt. in the first Regiment of the Virginia line then in Williamsburg; that on 29th March following your petitioner was marched with the company to which he belonged from Williamsburg to Valley Forge in the State of New Jersey at which place the troops arrived on the 29th of April following. That your petitioner was at the battle of Monmouth on the 28th of June 1778 in which Battle your petitioner had the sight of his right eye taken away by the violent wind produced by a Twelve pound cannon ball passing within two inches of his face which ball directly after killed Griffin Fauntleroy aid to General Washington by whom he was then on horseback. That from aforesaid disaster Your petitioner was confined from 28th of June to 29 of November 1778. Your petitioner was after his discharge from the hospital on various duties until October 1779 when he with all who took no certificate of enlistment were turned over to the Continental Establishment after which your petitioner was at the Siege of Yorktown by General Washington which was surrendered to the American troops on the 19th of October 1781.

That on the 29th of October your petitioner was discharged and returned to his friends in King and Queen where he has remained ever since a peaceable cultivator of the soil for his subsistence. Your petitioner is now in the 67th year of his age worn out at length with labor he is no longer able to support himself by the labor of his hands. Your petitioner therefore prays that your Hon. body will make some provision for his maintenance in his latter days and your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ Alexander Shackelford

[Attested November 28th, 1826 in King & Queen County Virginia]

[Reverse]

The petition of Alexander Shackelford of King & Queen (a soldier of the Revolution) praying to

be placed on the pension list. –
John Mason
December 6th 1826
Referred to Claims
1826 December 23rd
Rejected 26 Reported

Addendum to Alexander Shackelford S7506

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[[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Shackelford, Alex.]

I hereby Certifie that Alex'd Shackelford has served as a fifer in the first State Regiment of Virginia for the term of three years whereby he his discharged given at Williamsburg

J. Allison L. Col [John Allison W4112]

June 8 80

Cop'd by Mr. Jno Lyne

Sir 10 Nov'r 1784

Be pleased to deliver a Certificate for my Land to John Lyne & you will Oblige/ yr most H
Serv't Maj'r Merewither [sic; Col. Thomas Meriwether] Alex'd hisXmark Shackelford