

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Shearman S9478

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State of Virginia, Orange County to with

On this 24th day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the County Court of Orange now sitting, George Shearman a resident of the County of Orange in State of Virginia, aged seventy-one 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 7th 1832; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, first he served a tour for one month as a substitute for his father Martin Shearman deceased at the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia under Captain James Burton, and a tour of one month at the same place as a substitute for John Hunton, both of which was in the year 1780, Captain Hudson Marks was stationed there at the same time, and Colonel Francis Taylor commanded, after serving the two months he returned home in the winter of the same year, where he remained until April 1781 during this time he was a resident of the said County of Albemarle. He afterwards entered the Army in the company of Captain Bennett Henderson as a volunteer of which William Estis was the Lieutenant attached to the command of Colonel Reuben Lindsay of the Albemarle Regiment and marched from said County of Albemarle to Dandridge's old field in the County of Hanover where they joined General Lawson's brigade, where they retreated to the upper part of the state, as high as Culpeper County, whence they followed the enemy somewhere in the neighborhood of Hanover Courthouse, when he was engaged in a battle at a place called hot water [Hot Water plantation June 26, 1781], after which the Company of which he was a member was discharged, the time engaged therein being 2 months. He again immediately (having formed a determination to serve until the end of the war) volunteered and entered as a private, the company of Captain John Henderson, in which Frances Walker was a Lieutenant, it being in the latter part of June or 1st of July 1781, and marched thence to James town and was in the battle [Jamestown Ford, July 6, 1781?] at that place, during which he received a wound from a bayonet, he then marched to Malvern Hills where Captain John Henderson left the service. He was then placed under the command of Captain William Estis, who was his former Lieutenant, at which time Micajah Clarke was the Lieutenant, Colonels William Campbell & Reuben Murray were field officers. They then marched from thence to the siege of York, where he was engaged until after the capture of Cornwallis and his Army, remaining there two weeks after the said capture, expecting during the time he marched under General Morgan to the South after which he returned home. He was with Morgan ten days or thereabouts, knew Generals Matthews, Lafayette and Steuben. During the whole of his services which was eight months, he acted in the character of a private. He has no documentary evidence to prove his service, having taken no care of his discharges, not thinking that they could be of any service, to him, and they having been long since lost or destroyed, and he knows of no

person or persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service. He was born in the County of Lancaster Virginia in the year 1762, there was a record of his age taken, which was left in the possession of his sister many years ago, who moved to the County of Frederick and has since died, and whether it is still preserved or not, and by whom if preserved he knows not. When he was about twelve years of age his father moved to the County of Augusta in this State, from whence after about three years, he moved to the County of Albemarle, where he lived when he first entered the service. He lived in that County until sometime after the war of the revolution, and then moved to this County where he now lives. He has known Robert Wilson, Joseph Stephens, George Stephens & Thomas Sorville who live and have lived within his neighborhood and within 10, 15 and 20 miles of him, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and can state their belief as well as that of the neighborhood as to his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 and year aforesaid.

S/ George Shearman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Shearman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ George Shearman".

[George W. S. Harper, a clergyman, and Thomas Sorville gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27 per annum (reduced from \$40 per annum) commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 3 days in the Virginia militia.]