

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas B. Shields SC1973
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The Petition of Thomas B Shields praying to be placed on the pension list

Pensions

Reported in favor

[p 8 ditto]

South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The Humble Petition of Thomas Shields most

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Petitioner entered the Service of this State in the Revolutionary War in the year 1776 at Charleston under Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] and served One Campaign. That he also served in the Cavalry under Captain White at the battle of Stono [Stono ferry, June 20, 1779].² That he was also engaged in various Actions during the War particularly at Ramseur's Mill [June 20, 1780]³ in North Carolina where his Sword was shot from his side and Captain Falls [Galbraith Falls] under whom he served was killed. That he was afterwards attached to Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade under Colonel Polk [Lt. Col. William Polk] and was at the taking of the Congaree Fort,⁴ the Orangeburg Jail,⁵ Buckhead Fort on the Congaree near Colonel Thompson's and at the battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6th, 1780].⁶ That he afterwards served in Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army and was at the battle of Guilford [Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781].⁷ That he served during the Whole War with the exception of a few intervals under Various Officers, and although never Wounded, he was much exposed and Suffered greatly. That he flatters himself that he did at all times discharged his duty

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² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁷ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

faithfully. And he was Honorably discharged on dissolution of each particular Corps to which he had been attached. And at the close of the War at Camden where the troops to which he belonged were disbanded, but from the lapse of time and Other Casualties his papers have all been lost or destroyed, and there is no person now living within his knowledge to whom he could refer for the truth of the above Statement except General Wade Hampton to whom he was at that Period Personally known, and who he hopes would recollect his person and Services.

And your Petitioner further respectfully adds that he is now 60 6 years of age, poor and Infirm and unable to procure a Comfortable Support for himself and a Wife nearly as old and quite as Infirm by his personal labor on which he is solely dependent.

Your Petitioner prays that his case may be taken into Consideration by your Honorable Body and that he may be placed on the Pension List

And your Petitioner will pray

S/ Thomas B Shields

South Carolina
Barnwell District

Thomas B Shields being sworn says that the facts stated and Set forth in the foregoing Petition are true

Sworn to this 21 November 1826

before me

S/ William W Dunn QU

S/ Thomas B Shields

[the above is a copy]

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas B Shields praying to be placed on the pension list,

Respectfully Report.

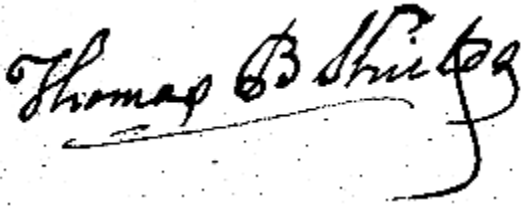
That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said Thomas B Shields be placed on the pension list.

December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

[from file # 6936-A]

[p 3: Petition addressed to the SC Senate worded identically to the petition to the House of Representatives transcribed above. This appears to be the original of this petition and bears the petitioner's signature as follows:



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[pp 6-7: Two receipts showing payment to Thomas B Shields of a pension of \$60 per annum one dated June 7, 1828 and the other dated May 23, 1829.]