

Pension application of Isham Sharp W11442¹
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State of Kentucky Russell County Court February Term 1833

On this 11th day of February 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful Justices of the County Court of Russell County State of Kentucky now setting Isham Sharp a resident of the County of Russell aforesaid aged 78 years who living first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of passed June 7th 1832; that he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war as a draft militiaman on in the month of ___ in the year 1779 in the County of Guilford State of North Carolina for three months under Capt. Leak, Lieutenant John Davis; he does not recollect the manner of the ensign. He was immediately put under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and marched to the Cherokee nation in which tour he faithfully served three months and was honorably discharged and returned home. In the latter part of that same year, he was again drafted for six months and entered the service of the United States immediately under Capt. Alexander Hunter same Lieutenant as stated above and marched to various places through the Country after the Tories no other troops having joined them. In this way he served full six months and was honorably discharged by his Capt. & he returned home. In the year 1780 he entered this service of the United States as a volunteer militiaman under Capt. Cook for six months. He states that he does not recollect the Lieut. & Ensign. He was immediately marched to the various places in the neighboring Counties their principle duties was to guard certain dangerous places. They were in many skirmishes with the Tories during that tour and in which he faithfully served full six months and was honorably discharged by his Capt. Sometime after his return he again volunteered under Capt Cook Tate for nine months and was put under or in Col. Rolson's [? Ralston's?] Regiment and was previous to his joining said regiment and afterwards marching to various places in search of the enemy—and was marched on to Guilford and was there at the Battle Called the Battle of Guilford. This he thinks was in the year 1781. He states that he faithfully served the aforesaid period as a private militiaman in the revolutionary war and each time was honorably discharged by his Capt. all of which he has lost or misplaced so that he knows not where they are but how, when or where he lost them he knows not. He never supposed that they would be of any use to him. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He further states that he lived in the County of Guilford North Carolina the whole of the time he was in service. He states that he was born in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the year 1755 agreeable to the information of his parents which he believes to be true. He has no record of his age. He

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remained in the aforesaid state a few years when his father moved to North Carolina Birk [sic, Burke] County, from there he moved to Guilford County where he lived when he entered the service of and where he remained until about 20 years ago when he moved to Kentucky and settled in the neighborhood where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Subscribed and sworn to the day and years aforesaid.

S/ Isham Sharp



[Hugh French and Ira Whitlock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Russell County

Be it Remembered that on this 5th day of August 1833 before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Russell, State of Kentucky personally came Isham Sharp a Resident Citizen of the County of Russell State of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that on the 11th day of February 1833 he made his declaration in the worshipful County Court of Russell & State of Kentucky for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 to which declaration he offers this as an amendment he positively states that he faithfully served the seven tours as stated in his original declaration in the war of the revolution in a Corps ~~called~~ regularly embodied and called into service by Competent authority that he was either in the field or in garrison for the time during which the services was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

He states that the first Tour he served he was in Colonel James Martin's Regiment, he further states that the second & third tours he served in Colonel Pacey's [sic, and John Paisley's can] Regiment – he did not at any time of making his former Declaration recollect he is hard of hearing and perhaps did not understand the Esquire's the questions now being fully explained to him he distinctly understands them and positively states that he did serve 2 tours as there stated and under the officers in his original declaration and in this amendment stated.

He further states that he lives in a remote part of the County and knows of no clergyman who can certify as to his belief of this declarant's services he claims a pension for the aforesaid Services

Where and in what year were you born.

Answer. I was born in Buckingham County State of Virginia in the year 1755 agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe to be true.

2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have none nor did I ever have any

3rd. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer When I entered the service I lived in Guilford County State of North Carolina where I continued during the whole time of my service and until about 20 years ago when I moved to Kentucky and settled where I now live (then Adair County) now Russell

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer. The first and 2nd tours I was drafted and the others I volunteered and never did serve as a substitute for any person.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have stated the Regiment to which I belonged in the foregoing amended declaration and in my original the principal circumstances so far as I recollect.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I received a written discharge for my services each tour Signed by my Captains but have lost them but how and where I know not

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer I have mentioned Hugh French Esquire & Ira Whitlock who has Certified for me in my original declaration I am acquainted with William Green Esquire Colonel William S Patterson and many others and believe that all with whom I am acquainted with me would Certify as to my veracity & good character likewise as to their belief as to my services in the War of the Revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Isham Sharp

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State of Kentucky Russell County: SS

On this 8th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that he did on the 11th day of February 1833 make his declaration in the worshipful County Court of Russell for a pension under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832. That on the 5th day of August of the same year he made an amendment before Thomas J Garrett Esquire to which original and amended declaration he offers this as an amendment. He observes there is an objection made to his Declaration in stating he was drafted for 6 months & that this term for which the militia was drafted was 3 months only how that he is this declarant does not know but be it as it may he positively states he did serve 6 months in the tour he states he was drafted for 6 months if a draft was for a short time this declarant was kept ignorant of that fact so it is he does most solemnly declare he faithfully served the several tours as therein stated and many others he could with certainty and truth state that he served more than one year longer than he has stated, there can be no longer a doubt as to his service even if the drafts as is stated by the Department was for 3 months only – he again repeats that in that tour as well as the others charged he did serve faithfully the times therein specified and if he was kept in service longer than he was drafted for he supposes he all not to be the loser he hopes he will shear [sic, share?] the same as others of his Companions in arms and if so he will be allowed to the extent of the law. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Isham Sharp

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State of Kentucky Russell County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 15th day of January 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Isham Sharp of the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that on the 11th of February 1833 he made his declaration in the worshipful County court of Russell for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 that he has made to amendments thereto and now makes the following as an amendment to the whole.

He states that in the early part of the year 1779 he was drafted for 3 months in Guilford County State of North Carolina he then belonged to Captain Leak's Company. That he immediately entered the service of the United States as a private drafted militia man under said Captain Leak John Davis Lieutenant he was immediately attached to Colonel Martin's Regiment Major Hunter's Battalion marched on to Salisbury where they stayed a short time and joined General Rutherford Brigade. They

then marched up the Catawba River to its head where they remained for some short time when they marched on to the Cherokee nation when they burnt several villages and killed 2 or 3 Indians and after remaining in that region of [a page or at least some text seems to be missing] Some time was marched home homeward and after reaching home he was Honorably Discharged by his Captain he has in his former declaration called this a tour of 3 months and that is the time he was drafted for But he positively states that from the time he was drafted and entered the service and took up the line of March it was 5 months before he reached him and received his discharge. It was early in the year when he was drafted and it was in the latter part of the summer or fall before he reached him and therefore he can with certainty say and does say that in this tour he faithfully served 5 months instead of 3 as charged in his former Declarations.

He states that soon after he returned home he was again drafted and put into Captain Alexander Hunter's Company Major James Hunter's Battalion Colonel Pacey's Regiment; they then marched to Randolph County Chatham County and many other places guarding and protecting the inhabitants routing the Tories driving and dispersing them he was not attached to any other troop or Brigade in this expedition he has stated in his former Declarations that he was drafted in this time for 6 months and he yet thinks so if he was not so drafted he served that length of time before he was discharged he distinctly recollects that he faithfully served 6 months in this tour in the way stated Soon after he returned home and was discharged he turned out as a volunteer under Captain Cook and was attached to the same Battalion & Regiment as stated in the preceding Tour that they marched to Surry Courthouse where they quartered for a while he was then joined to Colonel Anderson's Regiment and marched across the Adkin [Yadkin] River and turned down said River where they made a stand for some days near where there was a large body of Tories collected and for some time a general engagement was expected but the Tories finally abandoned deposition and retreated down the country and the Regiment pursued them many miles recrossed the River and marched on to many other places which he cannot now particularly recollect in the course of a month or 6 weeks spent in this way they then marched back to Guilford County and immediately marched on again to Randolph & Chatham Counties where they had several skirmishes with the Tories from thence they again marched on to the Yadkin River crossed the same and continued in that region for a considerable time and again marched back to Guilford a distance of about 50 miles they remained in Guilford some time & again marched to Randolph & Chatham where they continued for a long time scouting guarding &c and was finally marched back to Guilford where he was discharged he has stated in his former declaration that in this tour he volunteered for 6 months he still thinks that was the time he did volunteer for but whether it was so agreed upon when he turned out or not he did actually serve 6 months as a volunteer without ever quitting the service or being discharged.

Soon after his return as before he again volunteered under Captain Tate and was attached to Major Alcorn's Battalion Colonel Rolson's Regiment, he was marched on to Haw River and had some skirmishing was marched back to Guilford County and was attached to General Green's Army and was kept in constant active service for some time in ranging about he being detached for that purpose and about 5 days before the battle of Guilford a party to which he was attached had a battle at Whatchels mills [sic, Weitzell's Mill] about 6 miles from Guilford Courthouse they then returned to the Army and remained with the main Army until the Battle of Guilford was fought in which Battle this declarant was in from beginning to in the Army lay at Guilford Courthouse a few days after the battle when General Green took up the line of March to the North this declarant marched with the main Army about 100 miles when as this declarant understood the Tories and British was collecting again in Guilford County when Colonel Rolson's Regiment was sent back to that place where he continued marching from County to County for a considerable time to about the last of July when this declarant was attached to a party and sent on to Henry County State of Virginia to guard provisions on to North Carolina and other places and in this service he continued until a few days after the surrender of Cornwallis after which he was again Honorably discharged and in which last mentioned tour he did

serve at least 9 months, and it may be that he was mistaken in stating that he volunteered for 9 months though he thinks he was not though he may have come to that conclusion in consequence of his having served that length of time without quitting the service or being discharged so it is he did faithfully served the aforesaid several tours as he has stated and that each and every one of them was done and performed with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the services was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit and for which he claims a pension. He would further remark least some doubt might exist as to the time he was engaged as an escort of Beeves & provisions that he was taken out of the ranks it was not upon any private engagement of this declarant's he has endeavored to give as full and satisfactory a detail of the events of his services as he can he does not want pay for more than he is entitled to and he has not enumerated the whole of the services he rendered for previous to the year 1779 he served a number of short tours which he has not here noticed. Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Isham Sharp

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State of Kentucky Russell County Sct

On this 3rd day of April 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Smith a resident of the County of Russell State of Kentucky aged 77 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith That he now is well acquainted with Isham Sharp of the County of Russell and State of Kentucky it being the same Isham Sharp who has applied for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 he states that he was well acquainted with said Sharp while he said Sharp lived in North Carolina Guilford County and he knows that said Sharp did serve as a private militia man in the revolutionary war as a drafted militia man under Captain Leak, for 3 months, that his he knows he was drafted and started own to the Indian nation and was gone the [sic, then?] about 3 months and it was never doubted but he served a tour which he believes was in the year 1779 in the early part; he further states, that soon after his return he was again called out and was attached to Captain Hunter's Company and knows he served under him but cannot positively state the length of that tour he further states that said Sharp afterwards volunteered under Captain Cook and served but how long he cannot positively state and afterwards he says Sharp volunteered under Captain 8 but how long he served in either tour he cannot certainly state but this affiant saw said Sharp several times during his service and particularly at the Battle of Guilford although this affiant cannot certainly state the length of time said Sharp did serve yet from his knowledge of his said Sharp's Service he has no doubt that he said Sharp did serve as a private militia man more than 2 years in the Army of the Revolution in fact he can with confidence state that said Sharp was generally in service from early in 1779 until after the battle of Guilford he states that said Sharp is nearly the age of this affiant. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Smith, X his mark

[fn p. 16: On __ day of __ 1854, in Russell County Kentucky, Polly Sharp, aged __, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Isham Sharp; that her husband died in Russell County Kentucky; that sometime prior to his death he had resided in Adair County Kentucky; that she married him in Rockingham County North Carolina's of the first day of June 1813 and that he died __. This document was attested March 14th, 1855

[fn p. 10: on April 8, 1855 in Russell County Kentucky, Polly Sharp, 85 filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Isham Sharp; she states that she married him in Rockingham County North Carolina June 13, 1813; that they were married by Richard Walls, that her name prior to her marriage was Polly Halt [sic, Holt?]; and that her husband died in Russell County Kentucky November 2nd,

1840.]

[fn p. 61: marriage bond issued to Isham Sharp & Richard Wall June 1, 1813 to secure the marriage of Isham Sharp to Polly Holt issued in Rockingham County North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]