

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Sharp W17803 Rhody fn31NC
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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting Thomas Sharp a resident of said County and State his age 78 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.

To wit – He was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania in the year 1755. He has a record of his age at home made by his Father. He removed to Macklenburg [Mecklenburg] County State of North Carolina. He was 23 years old when he joined the service. He volunteered for 3 months in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Robt Mayban [sic, Robert Mebane], Colonel Thomas Polk was commander of the troop Colonel Montgomery in Salisbury was commander in Chief of the horse company. He marched to Fayetteville before the Army reached there the Scotch had been defeated by Colonel Nash. His company was ordered to take the prisoners to Hillsboro which was done. He served out his 3 months and got a discharge which is lost. He volunteered for 3 months more under Captain Joseph Hardin. He joined General Rutherford's Army at the Pleasant Gardens Burke County North Carolina. He went out to the Nation against the Indians and served this 3 months. He returned home. He served 6 months in all. He lived in Mecklenburg until 25 years old and moved to Lincoln County North Carolina there lived 8 years, thence to Burke from thence to Buncombe where he now lives and has for 6 years. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any State or (if any).

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos Sharp



[James Gudger and Josiah Frisby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: in a document filed in Buncombe County court in the spring term 1840, Rhody Sharp,

widow of Thomas Sharp, filed a petition stating she is 73 years old and married her husband [date not given; and that they lived together as husband and wife and had 12 children; that her husband died in January 1834; that her name prior to her marriage was Rhody Shay; that her marriage took place in Lincoln County North Carolina more than 75 miles from her present residence.]

[fn p. 29: in a filing dated May 13, 1841, filed in Buncombe County North Carolina, the widow stated that she was then 83 years old; the widow of Thomas Sharp; that she married him before he rendered service in the revolution on the 13th of August in the year 1775 or 6 and that her husband died January 25, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]