

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Sharp¹ W2473

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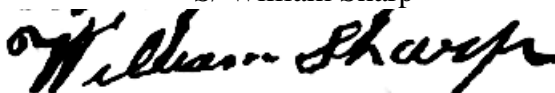
[f p. 43]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I William Sharp of the County of Green in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Minnis Company in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker and that I fault in several engagements to wit the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], at the taking of corn Wallace [October 19, 1781] and that I have a numerous and helpless family whom I am unable to support without the assistance of the government and that I am not worth \$25 in the world that I had my discharge which I had till I removed to this state which got lost and asked of my country to place my name on the pension [list] of those who were my brothers in the field of battle and that I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1828 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension list of the United States. Witness my hand & seal this 29 July 1829.

Sworn and subscribed before me.

S/ John S. Reed, JP

S/ William Sharp



State of Tennessee Green County:

On the 25 day of January 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Sharp resident in Jefferson County State aforesaid, aged seventy years against the 3rd day of June next, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 –

That he the said William Sharp enlisted for the Term of one year, – sometime in the month of August he thinks, and in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Menis [probably Minnis], he thinks Francis Menis [Francis Minnis] was the Lieutenant of said Company – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg – that he continued to serve in said Corps until six months after said year

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had expired – making in all eighteen months service, when he was discharged from the service in Middle brook in the State of New Jersey, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State as a pensioner and that the following is the reason for not making earlier application for a pension, to wit, he did not wish to depend upon his Country for a support as long as he could avoid it –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – That since the 18th of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property – that my occupation has been farming, that I am no tradesmen – that my first wife is dead, my second wife named Elizabeth is alive – By both wives I have had in all 16 children all alive but one – By the first wife ten children named John, 42 years old, William 40, Elisha 38, Betsy 36, Susannah 34, David 32, Peggy 30, Andrew 28, Mahala 26, Casper 24, – all of whom are married and settled in different Counties & States, none of them living in the County in which I reside – By the 2nd wife I had 6 children, (and did as aforesaid) to wit Matilda aged 14, who is a perfect Immediate, Sarah aged 12, Polly 10, Rachel 8, Thomas Jackson 6 – all of whom live with this declarant – This declarant states that his labor & property which consist only in household furniture will not yield him a competent support; that owing to age & infirmity he is no longer able to work – that his discharge has been casually lost – That the following containing a full & perfect & true statement of all the declarant Estate of every description –

One cow, 2 beds & furniture, one ax, one pot, one oven, half dozen knives & forks, one skillet, one table, one half dozen plates, 6 tin cups, 2 pails, one hoe.

Sworn to & declared on the 25th day of January 1830

S/ M. Payne, D. C.

S/ William Sharp

[f p. 10: On February 28, 1853 in Greene County Tennessee, Elizabeth Sharp, aged about 60 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Sharp a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that he was a resident of Greene County Tennessee for the space of nearly 38 years before his death; that she married him in Greene County Tennessee about the 25th day of October 1815; that they were married by Joseph Davies, JP, that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Massey; that her husband died in Greene County Tennessee December 17, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 35: copy of a marriage bond issued in Greene County Tennessee to William Sharp and John Rinehart October 25, 1815 conditioned upon the marriage of William Sharp to Elizabeth Massey.]

[With veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 11, 1830, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]