

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sharp (Sharpe)<sup>1</sup> W26452

Sarah

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[f p. 15]

State of Kentucky Butler County Sct.

On this 9th day of December personally appeared in open Court before the County Court for Butler now sitting being a court of record John Sharp a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four 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; he enrolled in a Minute Company in Berclay [Berkeley] County Virginia where he was born in the beginning of the year '76 and held himself in readiness for service but was not called on -- in the beginning of the year '77 sometime in January he thinks, he enlisted in a volunteer Company commanded by Captain George Scott which rendezvoused at Martinsburg, Berclay County Virginia and marched from thence on the 20th of January '77 and crossed the Potomac [River] at what was called Watkins ferry from thence to Hagerstown Maryland from thence over the Blue Ridge to Little York in Pennsylvania, from thence across the Susquehanna [River] to Lancaster there the company halted two nights and a day until we got better equipped, thence we marched on to Philadelphia we made no halt here on account of the smallpox being very bad thence we marched on to Germantown here we halted two or three days and the Captain went back to Philadelphia and drew arms, from Germantown we went across the Delaware [River] at what was called Howles ferry in New Jersey to headquarters which were at Morristown, the British lay at Brunswick. From Morristown General Washington ordered our Company back to Baskin Ridge where we were billeted out ready at any call whatever -- when called on to perform scouting service our company generally acted in conjunction with a Battalion known by the name of the Cotanian Battalion commanded by one Captain Miller there were three year's men one company were also riflemen, We were discharged the 1st of April '77 which discharge I have long since lost. I served three months in this tour. I further state that in May '81 I volunteered in a company under Colonel Pendleton which was marched with 2 or 3 companies to join General Morgan (who had returned home from the South) against some Tories, who had broken out on the South bank of the Potomac and Loss [? Last] River in Hampshire County, and we were called on to subdue them, which should stand for a tour of three months duty, we will did subdue them. Cornwallis lay at this time in Virginia at Little York. This is all the actual service in which I was engaged making six months in all, but I was frequently enrolled and stood in readiness at any moment to defend my country. I moved from Berclay County Virginia to Fayette County Kentucky thence to this County then in Logan in 1798 where I have

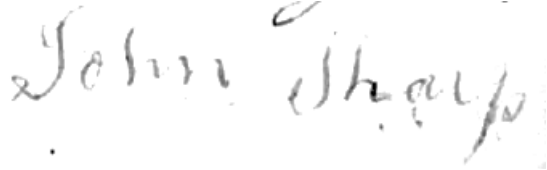
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<sup>1</sup> BLS31707-160-55

since resided. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person by whom I can prove my services. 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 the Agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Sharp

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Sharp". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat fluid and personal.

[Joseph Taylor, a clergyman, and John Harreld gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 30: On October 24, 1853 in Butler County Kentucky, Sarah Sharp, 63, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating she is the widow of John Butler, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that her husband lived in Butler County for 40 years prior to his death; that she married him March 14, 1842; that her husband died December 17 1852 in Butler County Kentucky. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On May 25, 1855 in Butler County Kentucky, Sarah Sharp, 63, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Sharp, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that she married him in Butler County Kentucky November 14, 1842; that they were married by James E Gardner, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Miller; that her husband died on May 17, 1851. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p.: Certification from the Butler County Kentucky clerk that a marriage license was issued November 14, 1842 for the marriage of John Sharp to Sarah Miller.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]