

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Sharp W3047

Elizabeth

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State of Kentucky Bath County: Sct.

On this the 25th day of September 1840 personally appeared before me N. S. Jones a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Elizabeth Sharp a resident of the County of Bath and State of Kentucky aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Moses Sharp deceased who enlisted in the service of his Country in the beginning of the Revolutionary War for the term of two years in the County of Cumberland and in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Halcomb [John Holcomb or John Holcombe] of the County of Prince Edward Virginia at the same time that Moses Sharp volunteered & enlisted, the Declarant had two Brothers Thomas & William Walker who enlisted in the same company, And so did John Sharp the Brother of the said Moses Sharp enlist in the same company for the same length of time and they all served out their full two years except John Sharp who took sick and died in the Army. The Declarant lived in the neighborhood where the enlistment took place and recollects the transaction perfectly well, The declarant is fully satisfied that the said Moses Sharp was in the Army in different Companies nearly the whole time of the Revolution or at least until after Cornwallis was taken Prisoner [October 19, 1781] as will more fully appear by the discharge given the said Moses Sharp by his Captain Charles Allen which is hereunto filed and marked A, And also the furlough signed S. Meredith Com'd which is filed and marked B, Also John Woodson's Certificate of enlistment marked C, Also the Certificate of William Davies marked D. Also the Certificate of the Auditor James E Heath of Virginia marked E. All of which Documents are in the possession of the Declarant's Husband the said Moses Sharp at his death and has been preserved ever since by the Declarant. She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Sharp in the County of Cumberland in the State of Virginia on the 17th day of July 1783 And that her husband the aforesaid Moses Sharp died the 25th day of June 1820. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but prior to the 1st of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated, She further declares she knows of no record of her marriage.

S/ Elizabeth Sharp, X her mark

[p 16: Deposition dated September 25, 1840 given in Bath County Kentucky by Doctor Joseph Sharp in which he states he is the son of Moses and Elizabeth Sharp; that the documents

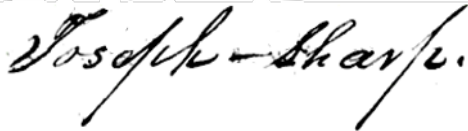
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exhibited by his mother in support of her application have been in the possession of his father and mother; he authenticates the family record showing the births of his parents and their children with the following extracts therefrom:

Moses Sharp was born May the 2nd 1758

Elizabeth Sharp Senior was born March 13th 1762

Mary Sharp was born May the 30th 1784 in the handwriting of his brother Richard Sharp



Joseph Sharp.

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[pp 4-5: family record:

Moses Sharp was born May 2nd, 1757

Elizabeth Sharp Senior was born March 13th, 1762

Mary Sharp was born May 30th, 1784

John Sharp was born May 15th, 1786

Elizabeth Sharp Junior was born January 26, 1790

Richard Sharp was born April 1st [?], 1792

Martha Sharp was born April 19th, 1794

William W Sharp was born September 12th, 1796

Joseph Sharp was born May 5th 1799

Thomas Sharp was born August 11th, 1801

James McGinnis & Elizabeth Sharp was married January 26 1809

Richard Sharp and Emily Witcher was married the 12th of February in the year of our Lord 1818

William W Sharp and Maria S Caldwell was born February 15th 1825

Joseph Sharp and Catharine Ratliff was married on the 20 of September in the year of our Lord 1826

Thomas Sharpe Junior and Lawrenda Robeson was married on the 14th of August 1823

William Sanders Sharp was born December 24th, 1818

Ann Eliza Sharp was born May the 8th, 1821

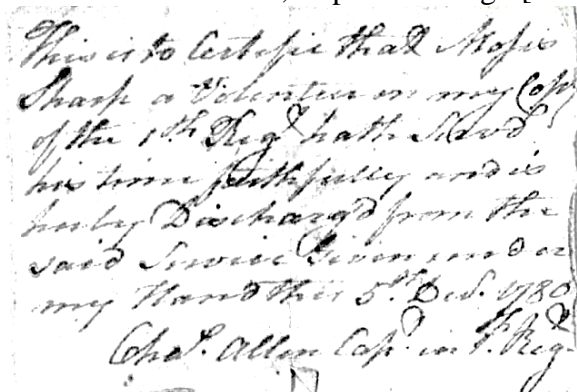
John W Sharp was born April 11th 1823

Emily Richards Sharp was born October 19th 1825

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This is to Certifie that Moses Sharp a Volunteer in my Company of the 1th Regt hath served his time faithfully and is hereby Discharged from the said Service. Given under my hand this 5th December 1780

S/ Chas. Allen, Capt. in 1st Regt. [Charles Allen]



This is to certifie that Moses Sharp a Volunteer in my Comp^y of the 1th Reg^t hath served his time faithfully and is hereby Discharged from the said Service Given under my hand this 5th Dec^r 1780
Chas. Allen Capt. in 1st Reg^t

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Novr. 4th 1780 Moses Sharp inlisted a Volunteer with me to serve in Colo Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Coar [Corps] until Febyry 1781 at which time the term of his Inlistment Expires
Tt John Price S/ John Woodson

*Novr. 4th 1780 Moses Sharp inlisted as a Volunteer with me to serve in Col. Lawson's Coar until Febry 1781 at which time the term of his Inlistment Expires
Tt John Price S/ John Woodson*

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Moses Sharp a Soldier in Captain Mortons Comp'y of the 4th Regiment hath leave to return home for the benefit of his health, which as soon as he shall recover he is to repair to Williamsburg. Given under my hand at Portsmouth 18th of October 1776
S/ S. Meredith, Com'd [Samuel Meredith]

due on this service Six Months pay

After giting well he marched to the North and Joyned the Army

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Moses Sharpe of Chesterfield County having engaged to act as a deputy to the Commissioner of that County in the collection of provisions & other necessarys for the use of the State, he is during his continuance in that office

S/ Francis Smith D. C. P. L.

Gen. Robertson, ?

in virtue of authority delegated to me by his Excellency in Counsel, hereby exempt from militia duty during the time of such his engagement; subject however, to a recall of this exemption upon representation of the commanding officer of his County, of his unfitness for duty. This exemption to be entered on the records of the court-martial for the County.

Given under my hand at the War-Office, at Richmond, this 5th day of September 1781

S/ William Davies

Moses Sharp of Chesterfield County
 engaged to act as a deputy to the Commissioner of
 that County, in the Collection of Provisions & other
 necessaries for the use of the State, he is ~~being~~ ^{having}
 during his Continuance in that Office

" " " " Francis Smith D.D.
 a Gen. Robertson etc.

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GIVEN under my hand in the War-Office, at Richmond, this 5th
 day of September 1781.

William Davis

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Moses Sharpe resigned the Within business the 19th of November 1781.

S/ Fran Smith, Commissioner
 Chesterf'd County

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 the 19th of November 1781. Fran Smith Commissioner
 Chesterf'd County

[p 7: Certificate of the marriage of Moses Sharp to Elizabeth Walker in Littleton Parish
 Cumberland County Virginia on July 17, 1783; the matrimonial ceremony celebrated by
 Christopher McRae.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for
 her husband's service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Moses Sharp W3047

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#).]

Kentucky Sct.

At a circuit court holden for the county of Bourbon at the courthouse in Paris on Tuesday the twenty third day of november in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Be it certified to the Governor and Council of the State of Virginia and all whom it may concern that it is proved before this court by Capt. Nathaniel Raine [S35609], that Moses Sharp of Bath county enlisted a soldier in Capt. Mortons [John Morton VAS765] company of the fourth Virginia Regiment for two years commencing February 1776 and ending in the spring 1778, which period he the said Sharp served and was honorably discharged by General Charles Scott [BLWt2055-850] at Valley forge in Pennsylvania.

Kentucky Sct.

At a court holden for the circuit of Bourbon at the courthouse in Paris, on Saturday the 13th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Be it certified to the Governor and council of the State of Virginia, and to all to whom it may concern, that it is proven before this court by Moses Sharp, that Capt. Nathaniel Raine of Bourbon county was an enlisted soldier in Capt Mortons company of the 4th Virginia Regiment for two years, commencing in February 1776 and ending the spring of 1778, which period he the said Raine served, and was honorably discharged by General Charles Scott at Valley forge in Pennsylvania.