

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Shelton W4335      Ann      f45VA  
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State of Virginia Pittsylvania County: to wit:

On this 2nd day of October 1838 personally appeared before Stephen C Townes a Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid Ann Shelton a resident of the County of Pittsylvania and State aforesaid, aged 81 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 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of William Shelton who was a Private Soldier in the Militia Service in the War of the Revolution. He was drafted marched from the County of Pittsylvania Virginia under Captain John Donalson [John Donaldson] in the month of April 1776 and served three months against the Indians on New River & Holston River. He was again drafted and left home on the 1st day of May 1781 and served three months under Captain Burnett the identical discharge received from him is herewith enclosed.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Shelton on the 17th day of February in the year 1779 and that her husband the aforesaid William Shelton died on the 4th day of August 1827 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Ann Shelton



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State of Virginia, Pittsylvania County (to wit)

I Thomas Williams a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that Mrs. Ann Shelton this day appeared before me and made oath in due form of law that this old paper sewed up in the form of a Book containing a Memorandum of the date of her marriage with William Shelton, and also the dates of the births of their children (viz.), John, Thomas, Bennet, Noah, Sarah, Robert, Ann, Elizabeth and Martha Shelton, was in the Possession of her husband the said William Shelton and kept by him as a Family Record up to the day of his death, since that Period, it has been in her Possession to this day.

Given under my hand this 4th day of November 1840.

S/ Tho. Williams

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william Shelton and ann Lomax was marred by lazarus Dodson a bablish predcher on the 12 day

of February 1779

[translation: William Shelton and Ann Lomax was married by Lazarus Dodson a Baptist preacher on the 12 day of February 1779]

son of William Shelton John Shelton was born February 18th 1779

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Thomas Shelton was born September 2, 1782

Bennet Shelton was born January 3 1784

Noah Shelton was born August 3 1787

Sary Shelton was born November 8, 1789

Robert Shelton was born October 4 1792

Ann Shelton was born October 18th 1794

Elizabeth Shelton was born February 1 1797

Martha Shelton was born in April 1, 1799

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State of Virginia to wit

This day Abraham Chaney<sup>1</sup> a resident of Pittsylvania County and Revolutionary pensioner of the United States of sound mind and good memory personally appeared before me Henry W Barksdale a Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Shelton who lived in said County of Pittsylvania [words too faint to discern] Years he was the husband of Ann Shelton a widow who is now living in said County of Pittsylvania and who is an applicant for a pension he well remembers that the said William Shelton was a Soldier and served in the Militia Service in the War of the Revolution. That in April 1776 the said William Shelton was drafted to serve a tour of duty against the Indians and marched from the said County of Pittsylvania in a Company which was commanded by Captain John Donalson [John Donaldson] Lieutenant Moses Hutchins [Moses Hutchings] and Ensign Joseph Williams & went through the County of Franklin crossed New River at Englishes' ferry[sic: Ingles Ferry near present Radford] and was stationed in a Fort near the Islands of Holston River until his tour of duty being three months expired when he was discharged and came home sometime in the year 1779 he married Ann Lomax who is now in the said and Shelton and after which he served another tour of duty under Captain Burnet he said Chaney was a volunteer and served with the said William Shelton under Captain Donalson and feels confident that he served at least six months in the war of the Revolution.

Given under my hand this the 8th day of October 1838

S/ Henry W Barksdale

[f p. 23: Joshua Dodson, 82, gave a supporting affidavit worded almost identically to the affidavit given by John Chaney as set forth above. The affidavit is attested by Henry W Barksdale October 8, 1838.]

[Facts in file: In 1839 the veteran's sister, Nancy Slayden, 78, was living in Pittsylvania County, Va.]

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

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<sup>1</sup> [Abraham Chaney W25412](#)