

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Shields W6025

Mary H. Shields

f35SC [sic NC]

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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 – entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows"

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 2nd day of February 1841 personally appeared before the Subscriber Matthew Wallis one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, Mary H Shields a resident of said County aged seventy-eight years, who being 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 William Shields deceased who was a private soldier in the American Army during the Revolution and served as a volunteer under Captain William Alexander and General Lillington's brigade three months, as will more fully appear from the enclosed Certificate of Captain William Alexander himself – he also served a campaign in Hampton's Regiment under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] – She further declares that she was married to the said William Shields on the 3rd day of January 1784 in the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid and that her husband the aforesaid William Shields died on the 5th day of October 1823. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written before

S/ Matthew Wallace, JP

S/ Mary H Shields, X her mark

S/ Jno Kirk

I John Gardner¹ of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina certify that I was acquainted with William Shields before and during the war of the Revolution. We served 10 months together in Hampton's Regiment under General Sumter & William Alexander was our Captain the service we rendered together was principally in the upper part of South Carolina suppressing the Tories – we served together 10 months in that campaign. I have frequently heard William Shields say that he was in service at the battle of the hanging Rock. I knew William Shields until his death – we were near neighbors and I believe he was legally married to Mary Houston about the time stated in the declaration above.

Sworn to & subscribed in due form of law this 2nd day of February 1841 before

¹ [John Gardner S6877](#)

S/ Matthew Wallace, JP

S/ John Gardner

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[John Robinson, a Minister of the gospel, gave a supporting affidavit.]

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I Thomas Alexander² of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with William Shields during the Revolution both of us being born and raised in the same neighborhood, and I do know that Shields served a tour of ten months in a company commanded by my brother Captain William Alexander in Colonel Wade Hampton's Regiment in the year 1781 [actually the events he describes occurred in 1780] to the best of my recollection – I went several times during said service to Colonel Hampton's camp to see my brother, once while they were encamped near the Congaree between that & Ninety Six and I started again with one of my neighbors to visit my brother while said Regiment was encamped at Rocky Mount and we had gone as far as the Catawba River when we met General Sumpter's Army crossing the River for the purpose of attacking the British at the Hanging Rock, I there saw said Shields & my brother and several others of my neighbors – my companion and myself went with the Army to the Hanging Rock and joined in the conflict & my companion was wounded in the shoulder which rendered him unfit for further service – and I brought him to the hospital in Charlotte soon after the battle was. I saw William Shields whenever I visited Hampton's encampment during the ten months service – and I fought with him at the battle of the Hanging Rock. William Shields brought home a Negro boy at the expiration of the ten months campaign – which he said he obtained as a compensation in part for his services I was then living in the same neighborhood with Shields. I further state that I know William Shields and his wife Mary were legally married after his term of service expired – the precise time I cannot recollect.
September 21st 1841

S/ Thomas Alexander



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband service in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Thomas Alexander S6495](#)