

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine (Vallintine) Sheppard (Shepherd) W6032 Zilpha fn47NC

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[fn p. 44]

State of North Carolina Wayne County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1818

Valentine Sheppard came personally into Court and made oath that during the Revolutionary war he served twelve months as a Private soldier under Captain Robert Raiford in the North Carolina Continental line as a substitute of James Rhines and some other soldier whose name he does not recollect in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lytle and that he joined the Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Bacons Bridge in South Carolina, and that he thinks he got a Furlough one day's march from James Island near Charleston in South Carolina, but the name of the place he does not recollect. That his Furlough is lost and that he never had any other discharge.

This Deponent further states that he is very poor and needs the aid of the Government.

S/ Vallintine Shepard, X his mark

Vincent Salmon¹ maketh oath that he served as a Private soldier in the Army commanded by General Green that he knows Valentine Sheppard served as a Private soldier in the same Army.

S/ Vincent Salmon, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Johnston County: Superior Court of Law and Equity for the County aforesaid

On the 30th day of March 1825 personally appeared in open Court, the said Superior Court of Law for Johnston aforesaid being a Court of Record for said County and so made by the laws of the State aforesaid Valentine Shepherd aged 67 years resident in Johnston County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows – He enlisted as a substitute under Captain Robert Raiford at Ashley Hill in the State of South Carolina near Charleston in said State eight or ten months before the Close of the revolutionary war. He served in the Company of Captain Raiford for the time of his enlistment aforesaid for the said period of eight or ten months as a common soldier in the Regiment of Colonel Lightly [sic, Archibald Lytle] the number of which affiant cannot

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recollect and which was under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and he so served until the close of the war when he was regularly discharged. He cannot say the precise time of his discharge but he recollects well that it was at the time of the general discharge of the southern Army and that he had then been in service as aforesaid for eight or ten months – Affiant admits that he is a German [German] by birth and came over to this country as a British Soldier and that when he enlisted in [the] American Army he was a deserter from British Army under the command of Lord Cornwallis, he having deserted in the passage of the British Army from Wilmington North Carolina to Halifax in North Carolina – And I the said Valentine Sheppard 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

30th March 1825

An account or Schedule of the property of Valentine Shepherd with his and his wife's ages:

He says that he is 67 years of age, his wife 56; he is possessed of 50 acres of land valued at one dollar per acre	50.00
One cow and yearling and one small Steer	15.00
One Sow and 12 pigs	7.00
One pot, one skillet and one kettle	2.50
Three small Beds [sic, Beds?] and furniture	20.00
One old wooden wheel 2/6 one old linen ditto 7/6	1.00
One pair of Chards 5/p, 3 pails, one piggin & one Churn	1.75
One meat tub, and one bread Tray	1.00
Pewter and Earthen ware [ware]—knives and forks	3.00
One Loom and two Bee gums [?]	3.25
One pair [pair] of cart wheels	5.00
Balance of property	<u>2.00</u>
	\$111.50

and he has only two Children residing with him both Females, one aged 30 years who is blind and the other 14 years of age and these with himself and wife make up his whole family.

Valentine Shepherd makes oath that the above is a full and fair Schedule of his whole Estate and of his ability to live and support himself and Family as Stated, and of his age, and of the ages of the several members of his family.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court 30th March 1825 in Johnston Superior Court of Law

S/ Wm W. Bryan, CSC

S/ Valentine Sheppard, X his mark

State of North Carolina County of Wayne: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wayne held at this August Term 1832, Valentine Sheppard and maketh oath that he was once on the pension list under the act of 1818 and that he believes he

was struck from the same in consequence of his owning property. That he served as a private under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] in the ___ Regiment of South Carolina line – [indecipherable word] under Captain Raiford & Captain Hall – That he resides at present in Johnston County North Carolina. That he resided in Wayne [County North Carolina] when his first application was made for a pension – and received it in Wayne –

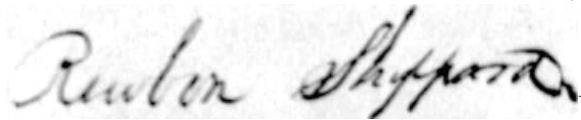
S/ Valentine Sheppard, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 20th day of August 1832

S/ P. Hooks, Clk.

[fn p. 7: On October 19, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, Mrs. Zilpha Sheppard, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Valentine Sheppard, a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his service in the revolution; that she married him in Wayne County North Carolina; that they were married by William McKinne Esquire on the 10th day of February 1786; that her husband died [indecipherable name of the month ending in "mber"] 1842; that their oldest child Reuben Sheppard is now 56 years old having been born in the year 1787.]

[fn p. 11: On October 19, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, Reuben Shepard, 56, filed an affidavit in support of the claim for a pension filed by his mother; he states he was born in the month of April 1787; he states that his father died in November 23, 1842.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reuben Sheppard". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 12: On October 20, 1843 in Johnston County North Carolina, James Lee and Jeremiah George gave testimony in support of the widow's application; James Lee states that he was present at the marriage of Valentine Sheppard to Zilpha Temples and that they were married on February 10, 1786 and have lived together ever since as man and wife until the death of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line. fn p. 19: Veteran was originally pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 19, 1818.]