

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Shearin W6036 Susan Shearin NC
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of North Carolina }
County of Warren } SS.

On this 25th day of May A.D. 1841 personally appeared before me Tho. J. Judkins one of the acting Magistrates, & a Member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions (being a Court of Record) in & for the said County & State Susan Shearin, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged 77 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 Lewis Shearin who was a Lieutenant in the Militia of N. C. in the Revolutionary War, and that he served Twelve Months (viz) that on or about the 10th day of Novem. 1780 he entered into the said service as a volunter & joined Capt. Joel Wrens Company as a Lieutenant & that they marched to Halifax N. C. where they were stationed for a short time under Col. [Nicholas] Long, that they then marched by the way of Tarborough [sic: Tarboro] N. C. to Wilmington N. C. & were under the Command of Col. Hart where they remained Stationed until Feb'y 1781. That he then returned home having served Three months, that he then again volunteered in the same County of Warren for Three months more, on the 10th day of Feb. 1781 as a Lieutenant in Capt. Jordan Harris' Company. that they joined the main army under Genl. Thos. Eaton [Thomas Eaton] & Col. Herbert Haines [sic: Herbert Haynes] and marched through the County of Granville & Orange N. C. to Hillsborough N. C. where they were stationed a while, when they joined Gen'l. Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army & was at the Battle of Guilford C. H. N. C. [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] after this Battle the said Lewis Shearin marched to Halifax & remained stationed there until the Expiration of The Three months service which he had Volunteered to perform which ended on or about the 10th day of May 1781. That the said Lewis Shearin then volunteered for Six months, as a Lieutenant in the same Company, & took the Command as such & was ordered to take a Comany of Soldiers & to go on the Roanoke River & to destroy Boats Flats &c. to prevent the Brittish from passing [from Wilmington NC into Virginia] which the said Shearin did do, & afterward Joined the main Army at Taylors Ferry on the Roanoke [S of Boydton VA]. that they then marched through the County of Franklin into Wake County to Wake C. H. N. C. then into the County of Cumberland to Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) Thence down the Cape Fear River to Wilmington N. C. where they remained for some considerable time they then marched to different places near the sea Coast in the Eastern part of N. C., they then marched up by the way of Tarborough N. C. to Halifax Town where they remained stationed until he the said Lewis Shearin was discharged, which was on or about the 10th day of Nov 1781 he having served out his Six months he then came Home to his Family which was an end to his Revolutionary services, having served for 12 months as a Lieutenant for that time

The said Susan Shearin says that she has no documentary evidence in support of Claim to a Pension — She further declares that she was married to the said Lewis Shearin on the 4th day of May 17 hundred & Seventy nine that her husband, the aforesaid Lewis Shearin, died on the 16th day of October 1827, & that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written, before me –

Susan herXmark Shearin

State of No. Carolina }
County of Warren } [26 May 1841]

This day Robin Harris [pension application R4672] aged 83 years, Frederick Shearin [S7495]

aged 80 years, & Francis Riggan [S9054] aged 77 years, all of whom were Revolutionary Soldiers, Come before me Thos. J. Judkins, one of the acting Magistrates, & a member of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in & for s'd. County, & after being duly sworn according to Law to speak the truth deposed & saith as follows concerning the Revolutionary services of Lewis Shearin and of his marriage & death.

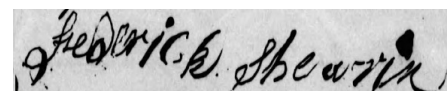
1st. Robin Harris deposed & saith, that he knew Lewis Shearin from their Childhood & were raised in the same County (Warren) & always lived near together, and that Lewis Shearin married Susan Meadows before 1780 and that he died some 13 or 14 years ago & that up to that time the said Lewis & Susan Lived together as husband & Wife & that she the said Susan is now a widow & has never married since the death of her s'd husband Lewis Shearin.

This deponent also swears that the s'd. Lewis Shearin was a commissioned Lieutenant in the No. Carolina Militia & served as such for six months as this deponent knows of his own personal knowledge as he served with & under him, that is to say that this deponent served with & under him as a Lieutenant from the 10th day of May 1781 to the 10th day of Nov. 1781 & that in the month of May of that year that he deponent was one of the Company under the sole command of Lewis Shearin to destroy boats Flats &c on the Roanoke River and that the said Shearin wore a Sword & was called & known as "Lieutent. Shearin" this deponent also swears that the said Lewis did have a written paper which was a commission which he has seen & read, as well before as since the War Endend, but that he does not now remember the words of that paper but that it was a commission. This deponent also says on his oath that the said Lewis was in the army as a Leuetent. for six months previous to the 10th day of May 1781 as he believes as he knows that he went off in the army as such & was gone 3 months at first & come home & immediately went off again as a Lieutenant for three months more & remained off in the army as he believes for that time when this deponent say the 10th day of May 1781 knows that he then from that time did serve 6 months as a Lieutent ending on or about the 10th day of Nov. 1781.

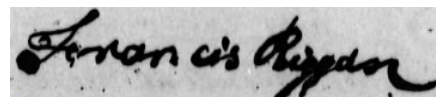
This deponent also Swears that Lewis Shearin has frequently while in conversation about the "old War" told him that he did serve for a year as an officer in the said War. This deponent says on Oath that he believes that the foregoing declaration of Susan Shearin the widow of said Lewis Shearin is correct & true



2nd. Frederick Shearin says on Oath that Lewis Shearin was a Lieutent. of the Militia & went off as such & was gone for three months from Nov. 1780 to Feby. 1781 and that he deponent went to Wilmington N.C. in the month of Jany 1781 to "see" the said Lewis. That he was then acting as a Lieutent. & that he came home to his own neighbourhood Warren County in Feby 1781 when & where Lewis Shearin was a Lieutenant in Capt. Jordan Harris' Company & this deponent then himself was a Soldier in the said Company & that he knows that Lewis Shearin did serve as a Lieutenant for three months from the 10th dy of Feby to the 10th day of May 1781 & that the said Lewis did still continue in the army afterwards for six months as a Lieutenant & that he wore a Sword and was called & known as Leeutenant Shearin this deponent swears that the said Lewis Shearin was at & in the Battle of Guilford C.H. N.C. & that the said Lewis did marry Sooky Meadows in the year 1779 or in 1778 & that they the said Sooky & Lewis Lived together as husband & wife until the said Lewis Shearin died which happened 13 or 14 years past, and that Sooky his widow is now a widow & that she has never married since Lewis her husband died. He also swars that he has seen & read Lewis Shearins Commission as a Lieutent. in the R. War but that he believes that the said paper is Lost and not now in existence. Also he swars that the said Lewis did serve for 12 months as a Lieut but that he only knows of his own personal knowledge of six months, but that the said Lewis has often told him that he served 12 months – which this deponent does verrily believe as he was absent from home that Length of time & went off as an officer.



3rd. Francis Riggan says on Oath that Lewis Shearin was a Lieutenant as above stated & that he knows of his own personal knowledge that he did serve as such for 6 months (to wit) from the 10th day of Feb 1781 To the 10th day of May 1781 making Three months and also he knows that he the said Shearin did serve for three months from the 10th day of August to the 10th of Nov. 1781 which makes the six months of his own knowledge, & that he was an officer & caled & known as Lieutenant Shearin This deponent swears that the said Shearin went off in the capacity of a Lt. in the War in the fall of the year 1780 & was absent for about 3 months – he also swears that the said Shearin did continue in the army from the 10th of May to the 10th of August 1781 as he verrily believes – he also swears that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration of Susan Shearin are true



[On 28 May 1841 Gardner Shearin, administrator of the estate of Lewis Shearin, stated that the following was found among the latter's papers. The paper is torn at the places marked *.]

Camp Blacks ferry May 12th 1781

You are to take charge of the large flatt & to conduct her up[?] [*]jiable if not to Destroy her, sinking & destroying all boats [*] other objects that will be serviceable to the Enemy that you [*]hen to proceed up to the ferry & their to join [several illegible words, *] be agreeable to Major Hoggs [Thomas Hogg's] orders

[John Hill; the rest illegible]



NOTES:

The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 1 May 1779 in Warren County by Lewis Shearin and James Moseley for the marriage of Shearin to Susan Meadows.

The file also contains a slip of paper that is largely illegible but contains the names Lewis Shearin, John Shearin, Sr., and Thomas Meadows.

On 19 April 1843 Susan Shearin was said to be 78.