

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Sheverdecker¹ W6039 Anna f58VA
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[f p. 12]

The State of Ohio Preble County: SS

On this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of common pleas now sitting in & for the County of Preble and State of Ohio Michael Sheverdecker a resident of Monroe Township in the County of Preble and State of Ohio aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That sometime in the month of May cannot recollect the year he was drafted or called in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia to guard Burgoyne's prisoners at Winchester Barracks in said County and State and that he served at Winchester in Guarding the said prisoners about three months – during this tour he was in no regularly organized Company was under the command of two corporals and two sergeants he does not recollect their names but knows that he was engaged from sometime in May until sometime in August making three months Service. That sometime in the month of August 1781 he was drafted in Frederick County Virginia in Captain Vance Bushes [Vance Bush's] Company and was transferred to Captain Bell's Company of Virginia militia and was marched directly to headquarters at York Town Virginia where the main Army lay besieging Cornwallis & remained there in the service and fought under the General Washington. After the surrender of the British Army he marched to Winchester escorting and guarding the prisoners the prisoners that were taken to that place served at least two months got a written discharge but has lost it.

Shortly afterwards he entered the service as a substitute for one Philip Miller at the same County of Frederick under Captain Vance Bush this was some time in the winter he thinks January 1782 was marched to the Barracks distant from Winchester about eight miles and was engaged at this place about 6 weeks in Guarding the prisoners which had been captured at Yorktown and left at this place when he was discharged after serving six weeks. And this deponent does declare that he did serve the Tours of duty aforesaid making aggregately six months & a half service in the Virginia militia during the revolutionary war. And that he has no documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said services, he had a written discharge which he has lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State he further states that he has no record

¹ This name is spelled Shiverdecker or Shivertaker in other documents in this file.

of his age thinks from the best information he can get he was born in the year 1762 in Frederick County Virginia and that he lived in said County of Frederick and State of Virginia when called into service and served in the militia of that State and since the Revolutionary war he lived in Kanawha County in the State of Virginia. And from that place he came to Preble County Ohio where he now resides & has resided for 7 years last past.

And that he is known to Jonathan Shurley and John Judy who reside in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary War. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. C. Hawkins, Clerk

S/ Michael Sheverdecker, X his mark

[Thomas Floyd and John Day gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 8: Order entered August 14, 1854 in Preble County Ohio finding that Anna Shiverdecker, widow of Michael Shiverdecker died in the year 1845 intestate leaving the following named persons as her children and heirs at law: David Shiverdecker, Elizabeth Hapner, Lucas Shiverdecker, Polly Persinger, Frances Shiverdecker, and Catharine Young; that since the death of Anna Sheverdecker, David, Frances and Catharine have also died; they Catharine Young died in February 1754; that Michael Shiverdecker died March 3, 1833 and that Anna Sheverdecker died August 24, 1845.]

[f p. 19: family record

John Hapner was born July 17th 179_

Elizabeth Hapner was born December 16th 1797

Dorothy Hapner was born January 16th 1815

Susanna Hapner was born April 22nd 1817

Morgan Hapner was born November 12th 1818

Thomas Hapner was born January 1st 1821

John Hapner Junior was born March 12, 1822

Alexander Hapner was born May 4th, 1827

Perry Hapner was born January 21st 1829

James B Hapner was born December 7th 1830

Maryan Hapner was born January 9th 1833

David F Hapner was born April [written over and illegible] 1835

Francis E Hapner was born March the [written over and illegible] 1837

Ichabod C Hapner was born November 3, 1838

Julius B Hapner was born February 2 1841 [illegible entry] January 3 1842

Wesley Hapner was born June 21, 1844

[several illegibly faint entries]

Elizabeth Hapner 2nd wife of John Hapner was born December the 6th 1809

Michael Siverdecker died March 3, 1833

Julious Hapner died 13th Ap 1841

Ichabod Hapner tied 19th of Ap 1841

Anna Shirdecker died August 24 1845

[f p. 7: certificate of Thomas Allen Tribball, Clerk of the County Court of Frederick County, VA. that records in his office show that the Rev. John Montgomery solemnized the marriage of Michael Shivertaker to Ann Ganst December 13, 1787.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 12 days in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like

amount.]