

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Shelton W6044

Sinah

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[fn p. 3: copy of a marriage bond or license given by Stephen Shelton and James Breedlove on June 4, 1792 in Charlotte County Virginia to secure the marriage of Stephen Shelton to Sinah to Breedlove.]

State of Virginia: in Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 16th day of February, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice in and for the County and State aforesaid, Sinah Shelton, a resident of the said County and State, aged 84 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 7, 1838, entitled "An An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows --"

That she is the widow of Stephen Shelton late of the said County and State, who was a soldier and officer of the Georgia and Virginia Continental line, and of Virginia Militia, in the War of the Revolution -- she declares, that she does not know anything as coming within her personal knowledge, respecting the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War, excepting what she has repeatedly heard from him in his lifetime, and from others who served with him in the Army, as she understood -- She recollects distinctly hearing him say, that he was a long time in the service, and suffered and in due were many hardships and private nations -- That he was a private soldier in the Georgia Continental line for twelve months, will appear from the original discharge of Colonel Habersham, hereto annexed, or accompanying this declaration: that he was a soldier afterwards in the Virginia Continental line, will also appear, by reference to the Roll of the Virginia Continental line -- That he served also in the Virginia Militia for some time, will appear from accompanying certificates -- That she is now very old, very infirm, and that her memory has failed her in great measure, in consequence of which, she cannot at this great distance of time, call to mind the particulars of her husband's services as related by him, and therefore prefers to rely on the public records of the Army, and the accompanying papers and evidence, here with file, and prayed to be considered part of her declaration -- She further declares, that for the same reason, she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least two years: for which length of time she claims a pension --

She further declares that she was married to the said Stephen Shelton, on the fourth day of June, 1792: that her husband, the aforesaid Stephen Shelton, died on the 30th day of January, 1814: that she was not married to him, prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, 1794: to wit, at the time above named --

S/ Sinah Shelton, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, this 16th day of February, 1839

S/ Thos. H. Staples, JP

[Pleasant Barnes gave testimony that he was the administrator of the estate of Stephen Shelton and found among his papers the discharge given by Colonel Habersham.]

To all to whom this may Concern

Of these are to Certify that Mr. Stephen Shelton has never been accounted faithful in the Common Cause of Liberty, and has behaved himself Courageous therein, and is looked upon to be of sufficient conduct to command a Company of Men -- as he is well Aversed [?] in the Military Discipline.

Given under our hands

S/ Samuel Shurvin

S/ John Winn, Lt. Col.

By Colonel Joseph Habersham, of the First Battalion of Continental Troops of Georgia, in the Service of the United States of America.

These are to certify, that the Bearer hereof Stephen Shelton a private Soldier has served in the above Regiment, and in Captain Shadrach Wright's Company, for the space of twelve months, for which term he enlisted, and is hereby discharged from the said Regiment, he having received his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Cloathing, and all other just Demands, for the Time of his enlisting into said Regiment, to this Day of his Discharge, as appears by his receipt on the back here.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Ba[word obliterated]
at Savannah, this first day of September 1777.

To All whom it concerns.

S/ Jos Habersham