

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Sheffield (Shuffield, Sherfield) W8715¹ Barbara fn66NC

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[fn p. 14]

State of Kentucky Todd County

On this 9th Day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court Ephraim Shuffield before the Todd County Court who is a resident in the County of Todd and State of Kentucky aged 78 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 after stated.

From the best of his recollection, which is frail from old age & infirmity, he was drafted as a private militia man for three months into the service and entered the same about the first of September 1779 under Captain Hubbard Major Felix Kenyon [sic, Felix Kenan] & Colonel James Kenyon [sic, James Kenan] and served under them the term of three months for which he was drafted and was the whole time in the field and bound to military duty and followed no civil pursuit. He served as a private, was discharged about the first of December 1779 after having been marched from Duplin County North Carolina where I resided at the time I entered the service to Cape Fear [River] where I was stationed until I was discharged.

2nd. In the [year] 1780 the first of July I was again drafted into and entered the service as a private in the militia for another three months tour which I served under Captain of Love and Major Kenyon & Colonel James Kenyon I still resided at the same place Duplin County NC. We rendezvoused at the six runs and from there were marched to the Cataba River [sic, Catawba River] towards Charleston we forted [sic, forded] at the Catawba River, we there sent over the River 100 men after some British that were over the River they being stronger than was thought 80 of our detachment were killed by the British, the British marched after us to Cross Creek where we retreated in Dobs [sic, Dobbs] County, when we got there we gave them battle and whipped them. We were then discharged, this was the last of September 1780 when we returned home I had in this tour served three months as a private in the militia and bound to military duty all the time and followed no civil pursuit.

3rd. After having served the above three months soon after I got home I think from the

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best recollection I have I had been at home about two weeks when I volunteered into the service as a private in the militia under Captain Nicholas Bowden I think about the middle of October 1780 for three months, under the same field officers we were marched from Duplin towards Charleston South Carolina and within 30 miles of that place and we turned our course and marched to Rockfish Creek there we remained a good while from thence we were sent to Kingston [sic, Kinston] on the Nouse River [sic, Neuse River] where we remained until our three months expired and we were discharged and returned home. I never received any written discharge about the middle of Jan [sic, June or January?]. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose evidence I can procure who can testify as to my service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

1st I was born in the year 1755

2nd. I have no record of my age but stated from the information I received from my father .

3rd. I was living in Duplin County North Carolina when called into the service. I lived there several years after that I then moved to Hanover [sic, ?] County South Carolina where I lived one-year then went back to Duplin there remained until 26 years ago, when I removed to the place I now live in Todd County Kentucky.

4th. I was twice drafted into the service and once a volunteer never a substitute.

5th. I marched at one time for several days with a Regiment of Regulars but if I knew who commanded them I have forgotten, I never was with any other regiments of regulars or militia except my own.

6th. I never received any written discharge.

7th. I am acquainted with & known to in my present neighborhood the following persons who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my military services as a soldier of the revolutionary war Jordan Solomon, Esquire, Daniel Carson, Esquire, Samuel Carson, Conrad Lear, Abner Shelton, Joshua Atkins & many others

Subscribed & sworn to this 9th Day of September 1833 the day & year of the aforesaid
S/Ephraim Shuffield, X his mark

[Jordan Solomon, a clergyman, and James Campbell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: On February one, 1848 in Todd County Kentucky, Mrs. Barbary Shuffield, 81, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Ephraim Shuffield; that she married him October 17, 1782 in Duplin County North Carolina; that her husband died June 22, 1835.]

[fn p. 38: On September 5, 1849, in Todd County Kentucky, Barbara Shirfield, 87, filed another application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act as the widow of Ephraim Shirfield; that he died in 1834; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but they were married prior to January one 1794.]

[fn p. 41: on January 16, 1849 in Todd County Kentucky, the widow filed another application in which she states that she is 78 years old.]

[fn p. 6: on July 30, 1855 in Todd County Kentucky, Barbara Shuffield, aged 100 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Ephraim Shuffield; that she married him in Duplin County October 17, 17__; that they were married by one William Taylor a Justice of the Peace;

that her name prior to her marriage was Barbara Harris; that her husband died in Todd County Kentucky in 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]