

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Shelton W8716      Jane      f67VA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky County of Mercer: SS

On this 3rd day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful the Justices of the County Court of the County of Mercer in the State aforesaid, being a Court of Record now sitting, Samuel Shelton a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged Seventy-three years and upwards 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: In the year 1775 or 1776 (he does not certainly now recollect which) he enlisted to serve in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer under Captain Charles Barrett in Louisa County Virginia: That he continued in the County during the greater part of the year of his enlistment engaged in training and exercising, and was dismissed or discharged in the fall of that year. That in the year following his discharge two companies of militia were called for from Louisa County which were commanded by Captains David Anderson and John Fox and belonging to the Battalion commanded by Major Pettus [perhaps Samuel Pettis]: That he entered the Company of said Captain Fox as a drafted militia man, and served in the capacity of a sergeant, and was stationed at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia: He is unable to state the precise time in this last tour. He also served another tour in the Counties of Caroline and Hanover in Virginia; but he is unable now to remember under what officers or for what length of time. He served another tour about old James Town and Petersburg Virginia. And another tour in the year 1781 a short time before the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], in which Campaign he was also a sergeant. He states further that he served a tour in the year 1778, in guarding prisoners taken in Burgoyne's Army, in the County of Albemarle Virginia. He also served another tour in the Greenbrier Country on New River in the year 1778, under Captain Archibald Woods. He also served a tour in Kentucky as Sergeant Major on the campaign commanded by Colonel George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark] against the Indians at old Chillicothe Town, in the fall of the year 1782, upon which Campaign he left home in the character of Sergeant in Captain James Downing's Company, and was afterwards appointed Sergeant Major. In the year 1781 he carried an express from Colonel Jolly Parrish, of Goochland County to the Governor of Virginia, this was shortly after Richmond had been set on fire by Lord Cornwallis' Army.

He served as a private in going from Louisa County Virginia to this City of Richmond for arms and ammunition under the orders of the Colonel of the County. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service other than the affidavits of Archibald woods Senior and John Foster which accompany this declaration. <sup>He thinks he served in all upwards of two years.</sup> He hereby

relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year 1st aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Shelton



[David G Cowan & Benjamin Fisher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 27]

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Barren County John Foster<sup>1</sup> & made oath that he was acquainted with Samuel Shelton from his boyhood, & that he served with him as a militia man in the war of the revolution three tours & that said Shelton served, in all, between three and four years. That said Shelton went from Louisa County in the State of Virginia into the Army –

Given under my hand this 21st day of August 1832

S/ Bartlett L Graves, JP

[f p. 36]

State of Kentucky Madison County: Sct.

Archibald Woods Senior<sup>2</sup> this 29th day of August 1832 Personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that Samuel Shelton now and for many years past a resident of Mercer County in said State did in the year of our Lord Christ 1778 serve as Sergeant or Soldier not less than six months in his the said Archibald Woods Senior Company of Virginia militia and that he was engaged at all times in active service of his country. Given under my hand the day and year 1st above written.

S/ William Goodloe [JP]

[f p. 39: On September 5, 1832 in Mercer County Kentucky, the Reverend John D Paxton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Danville gave a supporting affidavit in which he states the applicant for a pension is an elder in his church and a man of unblemished character, etc.]

[f p. 4: Of September 2, 1836 in Mercer County Kentucky, James Shelton, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Shelton who was born and raised in Louisa County Virginia and who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him May 22, 1781 in Hanover County Virginia; that her husband died May 28, 1833 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. In the attestation of her application, the Justice of the Peace noted that the applicant was a member of the Presbyterian Church.]

[f p. 11: Copy of a marriage bond dated May 20, 1781 [County not stated], to Samuel Shelton and John Nucholds [signed John Nuckols] conditioned upon the marriage of Samuel Shelton to Jenny Henderson.]

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [John Foster S35950](#) who claimed for service in the Continental Line.

<sup>2</sup> [Archibald Woods S14892](#)

[f p. 8: Power of attorney dated March 18, 1853 executed in Boyle County Kentucky by Thomas Shelton, son of the pensioner

*Thomas Shelton* ]

[The cover sheet for the veteran's application is illegible, however, the cover sheet for the widow's application clearly reads that she was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum for her husband's service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia militia.]