

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Medley Shelton W8717                      Elizabeth Shelton                      VA  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 15 May 2021.

State of Kentucky, Franklin Ss. –

On this twenty fifth day of October A.D. 1819 before me Samuel McKee one of the Circuit Judges of the said State of Kentucky allotted to the 4th Judicial District, personally appears Medley Shelton aged fifty nine years resident in the County of Galatin [sic: Gallatin] in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – That he the said Medley Shelton enlisted in March 1781 in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the State of Virginia as a private Soldier, to serve eighteen months in Capt. Reuben Fields [Reuben Field W8812] Company belonging to Col. Thomas Gaskins [BLWt867-450] Regiment in the Virginia Continental line; that he continued in service in said Corps or in the service of the Untied States until November 1782 when he was discharged from the service in Cumberland old Court House in the State of Virginia; that he was in the following battles & skirmishes, towit, the battle at Old James Town [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] & the Siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], the Skirmish on Bufords Bluff [Beaufort Bluff?] in South Carolina with the British & Indians & likewise in a Skirmish with the English & Indians near Savanna in Georgia [probably at Sharon near Savannah, 24 May 1782]; that he has served more than nine months; that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support – that he has no other evidence of his said services in his power excepting what is hereto annexed, and that he has never received any pension either from the Government of the United States or any of them

Fourth Judicial District Of Kentucky/ Gallatin County Sct.

On this seventeenth day of April 1821 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount having power of fine and imprisonment Medley Shelton aged sixty three years resident in s'd. county who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. He enlisted in Culpepper County State of Virginia in the month of March 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Reuben Fields, belonging to Col. Thomas Gaskins regiment of the Virginia Continental line and that he continued to serve in said Corps or the service of the United States untill the latter end of the summer of 1782, and that he was marched and countermarched through Virginia, North Carolina South Carolina and Georgia until the month of November 1782 and was discharged at Cumberland Courthouse in the State of Virginia.

He was in the battle of Yorktown, and has been placed on the pension list roll of the United States under the law passed 18 March 1818 by certificate bearing date 25th day of November 1819 No 15934. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Sixty acres of Land in Gallatin County at \$1.50 per acre	\$90.00
Two Cows and Two Calves @ 10\$ each	10.00 [sic]
One Horse sixteen years old.	10.00
Thirteen sheep \$1.00	13.00
One sow \$2. and 15 shoats 75 cents	13.25

One pot 75. One kettle 4. One old table four chairs . . . . .	6.00
One old Bureau . . . . .	4.00
One axe \$1.00 One old plough \$1.50 and Two old Hoes . . .	3.50
I owe Debts to amount of . . . . .	<u>\$75.</u>
	\$149.75

I have a helpless wife and no Children Medley hisXmark Shelton

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#). Service of at least three years or until the end of the war was required to receive bounty land.]

State of Kentucky Gallatin County [13 June 1831]

Medley Shelton a soldier of the Revolution makes the following statement. He says that he was born in the county of Middlesex and State of Virginia that he did in the year 1781 in the month of March enlist in the regular service under Capt Reubin Fields in the County of Culpepper said Fields being then an officer in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia on the continental establishment & in the continental service Commanded by Col. Thomas Gaskins – that after a short time he was with many others placed under the command of Capt James Crane [BLWt444-300] of said Regiment. He further states that said Regiment was afterward commanded by Col. Feebecker [Christian Febiger VAS675]. He states that he enlisted for the term of Eighteen Monthes but was Honorably discharged in November 1782 by Genl. Charles Scott at Cumberland old court house in Powhatan County Virginia having served about twenty months. He further states that upon his discharge was allowed a certificate of his pay that he shortly after sold the same and has never seen his discharge since. He further states that he is now in his seventy fourth year of his age and that he is a resident and citizen of Gallatin County and State of Kentucky and is now upon the pension list of the United States Medley hisXmark Shelton

1832 May 15 Rejected by the Governor.

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates compiled at Powhatan Courthouse VA includes the following: Medley Chelton/ age 19/ height 5' 10"/ dark hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born in Culpeper County/ residing in Middlesex County/ drafted in Culpeper County on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Sized 29 Apr 1781. Shelton was sized again at Albemarle Old Courthouse on 10 Feb 1782 as follows: Midley Shelton/ age 21/ height 5' 10¼"/ brown hair/ grey eyes/ fair complexion/ planter/ born and residing in Culpeper County where he was drafted on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months.

Robert Shelton of Woodford County KY stated that he saw his brother, Medley Shelton, several times while he was in service.

On 25 June 1839 Elizabeth Shelton, 85, of Carroll County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Medley Shelton on 14 Oct 1784, and he died 10 Mar 1839. On 8 June 1843 she gave her age as 90 on 14 Aug 1843 and the date of marriage as 14 Oct 1783. She stated, undoubtedly incorrectly, that Medley Shelton had been in the battles of Guilford Courthouse NC on 15 Mar 1781, Hobkirk Hill SC on 25 Apr 1781, and Eutaw Springs SC on 8 Sep 1781. Mary Blessing, 54, daughter of Medley and Elizabeth Shelton, submitted a family record transcribed below, stating that it had been in her possession for 30 years. A letter dated 2 Sep 1854 from "Medley Sheton" of Edina in Knox County MO states that he was the son of Medley and Elizabeth Shelton, both deceased, of Carroll County KY.

Medley Shelton and Elizabeth his wife was Married 14th October 1783

BIRTHS

Jacob Shelton was born the 25th October 1784  
 Mary Shelton was born the 24th February 1788  
 Anna Shelton was born the 26th April 1790

John B shelton was Born the 11th June 1796  
Medley Shelton was born the 15 October 1798