

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Shifflet W8718

Elizabeth

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State of Kentucky County of Madison: SS

On this sixth day of July 1843 personally appeared before the Magistrate Court of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky Elizabeth Shifflet a resident of the above written County and State aged seventy-five 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 act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of Thomas Shifflet who was a soldier of the revolutionary war as a militia man from the County of Orange and State of Virginia in Captain Brokes [probably Henry Burke] Company and Colonel Linseys [Reuben Lindsay's] Regiment, she thinks that these are the officers he served under but she has forgotten their Christian names. She has heard her husband speak of serving under other officers, and being at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and of having skirmishes with Colonel Tarltons [Banastre Tarleton's] Light horse she thinks that she has heard her husband say he served 2 years and that he had a discharge but it has got lost. She refers to the evidence annexed for his services and the officers he served under and when the marriage took place with herself and her husband owing to loss of memory and the want of a family record she is unable to give a precise statement of the above facts.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Shifflet on the 20th day of June in the year 1788 that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Shifflet died on the 14th day of March in the year 1823; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated, she states that from the best means that she has to ascertain her eldest son Hasten Shifflet is in his 54th year that she has had 12 children and raised all of them, she cannot state the day that her husband entered the service but she has heard him say that he was drafted the day that he was put on the muster roll. That they were married in the County of Orange and State of Virginia and her husband died in the County of Madison and State of Kentucky.

S/ Elizabeth Shifflet, X her mark

I Isam Lane¹ a resident of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky aged eighty-four years certify that I served with Thomas Shifflet two towers [tours] in the revolutionary war of three months each making six months we served together. Our officers was Captain Henry Berk [probably Henry Burke] & Auston Webb [?] Company and Colonel Reuben Linseys [Reuben Lindsay's] Regiment I was from the County of Orange and he was from the County of Albemarle both in the State of Virginia I have known Thomas Shifflet ever since my earliest recollection we

¹ [Isham Lane S13705](#)

did not reside more than one mile apart although in different Counties I further state that I was at the marriage of Thomas Shifflet and Elizabeth Lamb in the County of Orange and State of Virginia they were living in the same neighborhood and she knew that she was living in Orange County she supposed that he was living in Orange County too, I well recollect of being at their marriage it was three months after I was married in the year 1788 they was married by Jacob Waats who was a Baptist clergyman. That we served in the same Regiment together in the war of the revolution and Elizabeth Shifflet who made this declaration is the same person that I solve married to Thomas Shifflet who served with me in the war as stated above. That she now resides in the County of Madison Kentucky.

Given under my hand this 6th day of July 1843

The above services was the year Cornwallis surrendered.

S/ Isam Lane, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the Virginia militia.]