

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Shepherd (Shepard) W8723 Mary Ann Shepherd f47VA
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State of Kentucky County of Mason

On this 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before William P Roper Judge of the Circuit Court for the 1st Judicial District in the State & County aforesaid now sitting George Shepherd a resident of the County of Mason – aged seventy-two 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 in the year 1780 in the month of January he enlisted in the company of Captain John Bayley [John Bailey or John Baley] in the service of the United States as a private at Logan's Station – then in the State of Virginia district of Kentucky – now in State of Kentucky and joined the Army under the command of Colonel George Rogers Clarke [George Rogers Clark] at the Falls of Ohio in said month of January 1780 – he enlisted for the term of three years or during the war and remained in the service three years and three months and was discharged in the month of April or May 1783 – he was engaged in duty in the said Company at the falls of Ohio from January 1780 to March same year when the Regiment to which he was attached descended the Ohio River and six miles below the mouth upon the Mississippi was engaged in building Fort Jefferson – and in the fall of the year – ascending the River – Mississippi within two miles of St. Louis, where we were attacked by the Indians – who retreated – and we were then marched against the Town of Jack [?] Indians up the Illinois River about one hundred twenty miles and destroyed the Town. We from thence marched or returned in our boats to Fort Jefferson – where we were surrounded and attacked by the Indians – who were repulsed – we then marched to Fort Vincennes – where we remained on duty from March or April 1781 until the fall of the year 1781 at which time we returned to the falls of Ohio at which place he remained on duty until discharged in the year 1783 – he declares that during this whole time which is more than three years he was with his Company and discharged his duty as a soldier – except on one occasion when he was absent on furlough – he states that the officers who commanded him whom he recollects were General George Rogers Clark who commanded in chief – Colonel Montgomery [John Montgomery] – Major Walls [George Walls], Major Critinden [John Crittenden] and Major McCarty [perhaps Richard McCarty] who was a Major and Colonel Montgomery's Regiment to which the company of Captain Bailey belonged – he states that he left his discharge in the City of Richmond in the month [of] June 1783 – Since which time he has never seen it – He states that he thinks the discharge he received was signed by Captain Bailey and countersigned by Major Walls – he states that at the time he enlisted he lived in Logan stationed in State of Virginia district of Kentucky – and has resided in the state of Kentucky ever since he was

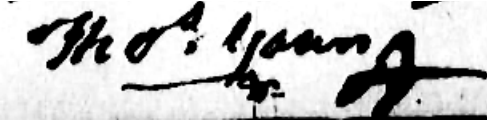
discharged. He states that he is known to Thomas Young, James Ellis, John Chambers, Walker Reid and Marshall Key who can testify as to his veracity – character.

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.

S/ Gero. Shepherd, X his mark

The deposition of Thomas Young ¹ taken in open Court before Wm P. Roper a Circuit Judge for the first Judicial District in the State of Kentucky – This affiant being first duly sworn deposes & says that in the fall of the year 1781 George Shepherd returned from Vincennes to the falls of Ohio & at that time was a private in Captain Bayley's Company in Colonel Montgomery's Regiment, and that in December 1781 this deponent has left the falls of Ohio and left the said Shepperd there discharging his duty as a private in the said Company of Captain Bayley he does not know at which time the said Shepherd entered the service or at what time he was discharged & further says not.

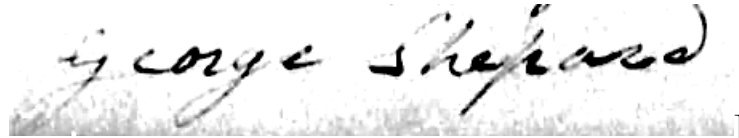
S/ Thos. Young

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[Thomas Young, Walker Reid & John Chambers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On January 13, 1840 in Mason County Kentucky, Mary Ann Shepherd, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is George Shepherd's widow; that she married him February 25, 1783; that he died May 26, 1836²; that she was married in Lexington, Fayette County Kentucky where the clerk's office had a record of her marriage but the said office has been burned and destroyed; that the record of her children's birth has been lost and cannot be found. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: George Shepherd gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application stating that he is the son of the veteran and his wife and believes that he is now 47 years old.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Shepherd". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 37: On July 29, 1844 in Mason County Kentucky, the widow, 78, filed yet another document in connection with her claim. This one she signed as follows

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[Fact in file: the widow's maiden name was Mary Ann McDermid.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service

¹ [Thomas Young S11921](#)

² In other documents in this file, the date of his death is stated as May 6, 1836.

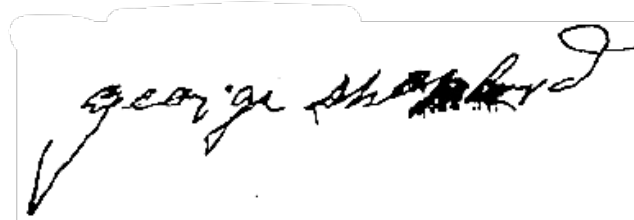
as a private in the Virginia State Troops for 2 1/2 years. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

Addendum to George Shepherd (Shepard) W8723

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 19 May 2021.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

To His Excellency the Governor and Council of the state of Virginia. The undersigned, your petitioner George Shepherd citizen of the County of Mason State of Kentucky would respectfully represent that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, in the company commanded by Capt John Bailey, in the army under Col George Rogers Clarke; He states that he served out his time of enlistment and was honorably discharged. He further states that he was promised a bounty land by the state of Virginia, which he has never received. He therefore prays that a warrant for a Bounty of land for the service of during the war may issue to him, and that the same may be delivered to his friend Nicholas D. Coleman of Maysville
And as in duty bound yr petitioner will ever pray &c
[23 Sep 1835]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Shepherd". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mason County, Kentucky

Personally appeared Capt Thomas Young of Maysville, who being first duly sworn states that he was an Officer in Colo. Crockett's [Joseph Crockett S46377] Regiment, under the Command of Gen. George Rogers Clarke, that he is well acquainted with George Shepherd of Mason County, Kentucky, whose petition has been read to him above, and knows that said Shepherd was a soldier in Capt Baileys company in said Regiment. This Deponent further states that he knew said Shepherd in the service & has been acquainted with him ever since, and that said Shepherd served his Country faithfully and honorably.
And further this Deponent saith not.
[15 Oct 1835]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Capt. T. Young". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.