

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Ashlock W886

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District of West Tennessee

James Ashlock a citizen of the county of Sumner in the state of Tennessee, came before me and claimed to be placed on the pension list of the United States in consequence of his service as a soldier in the revolutionary war. Who made the following declaration upon Oath. That he enlisted as a continental soldier in the revolutionary war, that he was enlisted by Lieut. Hobson in the State of Virginia in Halifax [sic: Halifax] county in the continental line, under Capt. Cock [sic: Nathaniel Cocke] in the 7th Virginia Reg't. After Cock, he was commanded by Capt. [William] Moseley that he received his discharge when under the Command of Capt. Moseley. The Reg't. was commanded by Gen'l. [William] Woodford, that he received his discharge from Gen'l. Woodford at the valley Forge 18 or 20 miles on this side of Philadelphia, that his discharge is long since lost or destroyed, that he enlisted for two years, and faithfully served every day of the two years. That he was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and in the Battle of Germanton [sic: Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] and in various skirmishes. That he is in his sixty second year and very infirm, and not able to travel in search of proof of his aforesaid service. That he is a very poor man unable to support himself by manual labor, having nearly lost the use of his right side, by a stroke of the palsy or something of that kind. and prays his government to render him some relief and support.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th December 1819.

James hisXmark Ashlock

State of Tennessee to wit.

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Stuart one of the Judges of the circuit courts for the State of Tennessee James Ashlock who has made the enclosed declaration before the honorable John McNairy and being duly sworn further declares and says that he was enlisted as stated in said declaration on the fifth day of March, and on the fifth day of March he was discharged. The day and month made a strong impression on him and he recollects it but he cannot tell the year from memory but can tell the same by inference from other facts which he recollect. he was discharged on the fifth of March after the battles of Brandywyne and Germantown, from Weem's [sic: Mason Locke Weems's] life of Washington he finds these battles were fought in the year 1777, he was then discharged on the 5th of March 1778 and must have been enlisted on the 5th of march 1776. he further says that a few days after he enlisted his company rendezvoused at Wright Bonds tavern in Halifax county in Virginia and from thence marched to Williamsburg where he joined his regiment which was then Commanded by Colonel [Charles] Scott. he does not know his first name, that in the year of the battle of Germantown his regiment was commanded by Colonel [Alexander] McClenachan he does not know his first name That sometime after the battle of Germantown he fell sick & was sent to Lancaster, where he remained until a very few days before he was discharged when he returned to his regiment & joined it and was discharged. and he does not now remember who commanded the regiment as Colonel at the time he was discharged. Woodford to the best of his remembrance was then by the soldiers called General. and further saith not Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of April 1820.

James hisAmark Ashlock

District of West Tennessee S.S. – on this 3^d day of March 1821 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Sumner in said state, being a court of record for the said County James Ashlock aged sixty two years resident in said County in said district who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz. that he enlisted in in the Virginia line 7. Regiment and served two years in Pennsylvania Maryland and New Jersey the principal time under

the immediate command of Genl. Washington and at the expiration of his time of service was honorably discharged at the valey forge [sic: Valley Forge] Camp near Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania 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.

James hisAmark Ashlock

I possess no property—

I attended as a witness in the case of Eliza Duty vs. Francis Weatherred which amount is coming to me when collected but does not exceed ten dollars —

James hisAmark Ashlock

NOTE: On 7 Jan 1845 Philip Ashlock, 55, applied for a pension as the only surviving child of James Ashlock, who died in 1822, and of Charlotte Ashlock, who died in 1840, and who were married in Pendleton District SC in 1794. Bailey Anderson deposed that Charlotte Ashlock died at his home in Marshall County KY on 28 Feb 1841. The file includes an original family record transcribed as follows:

Baly Anderson was born November 4. 1799

Nancy Anderson was born January 24 18.00[?]

Also Carline Francis was born June 7 1825

Polly Ann Anderson was born July 4 1827

Sary Maxfield Anderson was born January 3. 1829[?]

Drucilla Elizabeth Anderson was born November 6. ~~1829~~ 1830

Charlotte Temple Anderson was born February 15 1831

Robert Pearson Anderson was born October 20 1832

Eliza Jane Anderson was born April 16 1834

Charlotte Ashelocke died February the 28th 1841