

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shackelford Dis. X707

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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 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[A letter dated April 30, 1919 in requests for information regarding this veteran reads as follows:

Madam:

In response to your letter dated the 15th instant, you are advised that in the report from the Secretary of War in relation to the Pension Establishment of the United States which was printed in 1835, on the list of Invalid Pensioners paid at the Virginia Agency whose residence cannot be ascertained by reason of the destruction of papers in the War Department in 1814, it appears that John Shackelford a Private was pensioned from September 4, 1789, under the Act of June 7, 1785 at \$40 per annum.

There are no papers on file relative to his claim owing to their destruction as above stated when the War Office was burned.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) has posted on its online digital collection the following regarding a pensioner by the name of John Shackelford and who I think is very likely the veteran referred to in the federal pension file above:

Halifax County June Court 1786

On the Motion of John Shackelford its ordered to be Certified to the Executive that the said John was a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment and that he was wounded in the arm at the Siege of the Savanna¹ in the State of Georgia.

A copy Test: Wm B. Martin, DC HC

On Examination of John Shackelford who appears to be about twenty-four years of age [words too faint to discern] a Ball has passed immediately through the elbow of the right arm, so as to produce a perfect ankylosis [ankylosis]² of that Joint – this with the withering of the limb which is considerable must disable him considerably from maintaining himself by hard labor.

S/ W. Foushee

Nov. 10, 1787

¹ The siege of Savannah, September 16 – October 18, 1779

² stiffening or stiffness

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A. Foushee
Nov. 10. 1787

Received of Sheriff of Halifax twenty-four pounds in full of my pention [pension] Warrant for
the years 1786 and 1787.

S/ John Shackelford
May 29th 1788

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