

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jacob Shepherd: W2008

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State of Virginia}

County of Bedford} S.S.

On the 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of Bedford now sitting Jacob Shepherd a resident of Virginia in the County of Bedford aged Seventy two years who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June the 7th 1832-

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated Viz. - That in the year 1776 and in the 16th year of his age he was drafted from Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: Pennsylvania] where he then resided to serve a Tour in the militia of two months in the war of the revolution. That they rendezvoused at Newtown in said county and commenced their march under Cap Kelley Lieutenant ___ Johnson to Trenton in the Jerseys, where they remained a short time and marched from thence to Princeton to Amboy at which last mentioned place they remained awaiting the movements of the British which was then in the possession of Staten Island until the term of service having expired he was discharged. That he received no written discharge or pay himself, but was there under the [illegible word] of his father who he thinks received both (who is long since dead) That in the year 1780 he moved to the County of Louden [sic: Loudoun] in the State of Virginia where in the same year he was drafted to serve a tour of Three months in the militia to march to North Carolina, that they rendezvoused at Lacey's Tavern in said county under the command of captain [illegible but probably Adam Vincent or Vincell] at this place they were joined by two volunteer companies under the command of Capn. Figgis [probably Daniel Feagan] & Capn. Russel [Russell] They then marched to Richmond where his company staid about a week from thence to chesterfield courthouse where he was informed that he was not to go to north Carolina the place he was drafted to go to. He was then marched to Petersburg and from thence to McKays Mill and from thence to Sleepy hole Ferry on Nansemond River where he was marched Backwards and forwards watching the Brittish who was said to be on the River until his term of service expired. That Major Thomas Hardiman was the officer in command & he cannot say to what regiment they belonged. That he has no documentary evidence of the service of this tour nor does he know of but one living Witness he can prove it by John McConahay who marched from the same County with him as a volunteer under Capn Danial Figgins served the same Tour with him & this affidavit he respectfully refers. That in the year 1781 he moved back again to Bucks County in the state of Pennsylvania that in the same year he was drafted from said County to serve a militia Tour of duty two months That he marched under Capn. Kelly & Lieutenant Johnson (the same officers he served his first Tour under) to New Town in the same County where he was stationed until his term expired & was discharged. That he has no documentary evidence of having served this tour, nor does he at this time know of any living witness he can prove it by, having moved from Bucks County in Pennsylvania to Louden county in Virginia in the year 1785. a distance of 180 miles where he lived about 15 years, from thence he moved to Bedford County in Virginia a distance of about 230 miles where he has ever since resided. That the place where he now lives from the place where he lived when called into service is about 410 miles that he has had little or no communication with any person living in that county since he left there in 1785 and does not know that any person is now living that served said Tours with him & if living where they could be found, and he is unable from old age & disability to undertake a Journey of that distance. 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.

[signed] Jacob Shepherd

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

The following are the answers to the several interogatories propounded by the Court to Jacob Shepherd before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn to & subscribed

Answer to Question 1st - I was born on the 2nd day of April 1760 in Bucks county in the State of Pennsylvania where I lived with the exception of a year till 1785 I then removed to Louden County in Va. where I lived about 15 years from there I moved to the County of Bedford in Virginia where I now reside.

2nd I have a record of my age kept in a family Bible as copied from the one kept by my parents.

3^d 4th 5th & 6th - answered as stated in the declaration.

7th I refer to William Leftwich a minister of the Gospel and to John McConahay, to both of whom I am well acquainted.

NOTE: On 10 July 1852 Mary Shepherd, "aged near eighty six years," applied for a pension stating that she married Jacob Shepherd on 22 Feb 1787 in Loudoun County VA, and he died on 17 Jan 1852. With her application was a copy of a bond signed in Loudoun County on 7 Feb 1787 by Jacob Shepherd and Jacob Warner for the marriage of Shepherd to Mary Warner. Testimony from a family record that she was born 11 Oct 1766. In an application for bounty land dated 31 May 1855 she gave her age as 89.