

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Sherod Gean (Jean) R3960

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State of South Carolina, District of Pickens

On this the Fourth day of October personally appeared before the Honorable John S. Richardson Esquire one of the associate Judges of the said State in open court at Pickens Court House, Sharod Gean resident in the District and State aforesaid, aged about 75 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That when he was 18 years of age in March or April in the year 1779 as well as he recollects, he lived in Franklin County North Carolina, on the waters of Tar River, he First, Entered the Militia service in the place of his Father for five months, under Captain John Cokely, Colonel Johnston – General Butler [John Butler]. That he served out his five months, during which time he was in the Battle of Stono, and no other regular Battle, was most of the time in Scouting parties after the Tories, after the five months was out he was discharged, and returned home to Franklin County NC.

2nd Tour, about two months after his return home he took the place of a man whose name he does not recollect, and served two months, in a Troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Turner, finding his own Horse; he was in no Battle during the second Tour, but was scouting about after the Tories, on little Pedee, Great Pedee and Drowning Creek, then after the two months was out and returned home.

3rd Tour. After about four months, he volunteered, and was appointed Sergeant in Captain Geter's Troop of Cavalry, and was sent as commander of a small Scouting Parties to keep down the Tories on Pedee, Drowning Creek &c low down in North Carolina, at this time he served two months as Sergeant, finding his own Horse, and was then discharged and returned home being in no Battles.

4th Tour. About two or three months after his return, he was hired to take the place of Matthew Lowry, at which time he found his own Horse and served two months and a Troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Robinson, during which time he was in the Battle of Guilford, and after the two months was out, he was discharged and returned home.

5th Tour. A short time after his return home from the fourth Tour, he entered the service in the Continental line of North Carolina, sometime in the month of August 1781, under Captain Benjamin Carter, 1st Lieutenant Thomas Pasters, 2nd Lieutenant Robert Bell (he being one which was to go out of every 18) in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lightle [sic, Lytle]-- Major Thomas Dennahoo [sic, Donoho?] -- started and went from home Franklin N. C. and rendezvoused at Warrenton N. C. and went from thence to Hillsboro N. C. thence to Salisbury N. C. thence to High Hill, Santee in S. C., thence to Ashley Hill S. C. where (as he believes) they joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], and remained there until the British left Charleston S. C. after which (still under General Greene) they marched down and took possession of Charleston, then went over to James Island and remained until sometime in the month of August following, being over Twelve months in actual Service in this Tour, having entered the service for 18 months, but the Army dispersed and he got a furlough and returned home, and was never again called upon.

The first Tour he served not less than	5 months	
Second Tour not less than	2 “	
Third Tour not less than	2 “	
Fourth Tour not less than	2 “	
Fifth Tour not less than (Regular)	12 “	23 months.

He is positive he did serve not less than 23 months in all, of which two months he served as Sergeant, the balance of the time as a private. He is poor and old and unable to get any information of any person living who can testify for him except John Bagwell who was with him, and who served in the same

mess for 12 months, and Bagwell hunted him to get his Testimony, by which he found Bagwell and he got M. M. Norton to take his affidavit, which is herewith submitted as the only evidence in his power to procure. He had four written discharges which he believes were burned in his House in Georgia 25 or 30 years ago. 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 any Agency of any State.

S/ Sherod Gean

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ W. L. Keith, C. C.

To the questions to be propounded by the Court to this Declarant, he answers as follows. 1st That he was born in Bute County (afterwards divided & called Franklin) North Carolina; as well as his memory and the evidence he has will serve him in the year 1761. 2nd That he has no record of his age. 3rd That when he was called into service he lived in Franklin County N. C. and lived in Wilkes County Georgia most of the time since but that he moved from there to where he now lives in Pickens District S. C. near two years since. 4th He was a Substitute for his Father, Matthew Lowry and another not recollected, a volunteer once, and once went in as one man out of of 18 which were called for. 5th Some of the Officers were Captain John Cokely, Colonel Johnston, General Butler, Captain John Robinson, Captain John Turner, Captain B. Carter, Major Thomas Donoho, Colonel Archibald Lytle and General Greene, that he served at five different times, amounting in all to 23 months. 6th That he got as many as four written discharges but all are now lost, he supposes they were burned in his House.

[Page appears to be missing from the file as there is not answer to the 7th Interrogatory, nor is the statement signed by the applicant.]

[Standard certificate of age and belief of his service as a revolutionary soldier given by Stephen Ellis, a clergyman and Jonathan Reeder, a neighbor.]

[Affidavit in the file signed by Burell Jean, claiming to be the brother of Sherrad Gean. He says that Sherrad died in Pickens District on Jan. 15, 1844, leaving as his sole heir a son who died on or about the year 1847 without heirs.]

State of North Carolina City of Raleigh 24th of October 1836

Sir

I send you a certificate for John Bagwell – Sherrod Jaene a private in Captain Carter's Company of the 10th Regiment appears to have enlisted in 1782 for 18 months & Deserted the 21st day of June 1783.

The name of offer was For is not found on the rolls.

Your obedient servant. S/ Wm Hill

State of South Carolina, Anderson District

Before me Miles M. Norton, a Notary Public and Ex officio Justice of the Quorum personally came John Bagwell of the District, and made Oath in due form of Law, that he is acquainted with Sherrod Gean of Pickens District S. C. who was a Revolutionary [War] a Soldier, and that he served with him in the Revolutionary War, that the said Sheraton Gean entered the service in the Continental line of North Carolina sometime in the month of August next preceding the declaration of Peace, and served as follows, under the following Officers and Major Thomas Donoho's Battalion, in Colonel Archibald Lytle's Regiment, Captain Benjamin Carter's Company with Thomas Pastors 1st Lieutenant, Robert Bell 2nd Lieutenant-- that they started at Warrenton N.C. and went from thence to Hillsborough N. C. thence to Salisbury N. C. thence to High Hills Santee in S. C., thence to Ashley Hill S. C. where they joined General Greene and remained until the British left Charleston S. C. after which (under

General Graham) they marched down and took possession of Charleston, and went over to James Island and remained until some time in the August following being over 12 months in actual service, that the said Sharon Gean had entered the service for 18 months at first but did not remain the whole time as above stated.

S/ John Bagwell, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed at Pendleton S. C. this third day of October 1834 before me.

S/ Miles M. Norton, Not. Publ & Ex Off. I U Q.