Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Shannon R9420 Catharine fn83NC Transcribed by Will Graves 2/6/11

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State of Kentucky County of Henry

Be it known that on this day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Catharine Shannon a resident of the County of Henry State of Kentucky aged seventy-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Robert Shannon who was a Lieutenant in the North Carolina line during the War of the Revolution for at least three years and was in the services as a private soldier at least two years and entered the services at or near the Commencement of said war and was engaged the principal part of the war in the services as a private soldier and Lieutenant. She is of the impression that he was both in the militia and regular service but in consequence of her great age and the loss of memory at this great length of time she is unable to specify each particular tour of duty or the officers under whom he served and she has forgotten the name of the County in which they lived during the Services and in which they were married but she does well know that he did serve his country faithfully during the war of the revolution both as a soldier and officer as above stated & own and examination of some of his old papers which was considered of no value she has found a [indecipherable word could be intended to be "discharge"] as a Lieutenant which shows that he served a three months tour in Captain Little Company and Colonel Locke's Regiment and was discharged on the 14th day of October & also appears by a receipt signed by Colonel Joseph [indecipherable last name] on the 23rd day of April in the same year viz. 1781 that he served a tour of 12 months in the Continental service by Joseph Massey. She well recollects of seeing various other discharges as a Lieutenant and of seeing his commission all of which have been lost or destroyed as they were considered of no value and she does not recollect the dates of them or by whom they were signed at this great length of time. She well recollects of hearing of him speak of various battles that he was in but she does not at this time recollect any of them except the one at Eutaw Springs and in consequence of her loss of memory she is unable to state the towns and Country through which he marched or the County in which she was married but she does well know that she was married to him during of his service in the war of the revolution and that he was in the service after their marriage. She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Shannon on the 24th day of February 1780. She produces her family record which is in the handwriting of her husband

which is the best evidence she is able to produce of her marriage and she refers to the records for the evidence of the services of her Husband and that her husband the aforesaid Robert Shannon died the 22nd day of January 1827 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

S/Catharine Shannon, X her mark

[fn p. 2-3: family record Robert and Catsey Shanons was Maried [?] Day of fabruary 1780 Robert Shannon was born 23 of January 1753 Catharine Sahnnon was born the 2 of December 1762 Nancy B was born the January the 6th 1781 Mary was Born Aprile 27th 1783 Catharine was Born the 4 of october 1785 Joseph H was Born 19th of March 1788 pegy was Born January 23 1791 Samuel was Born the 20 of December 1793 Lille was Born august 17th 1797 John was Born November 23 1801 Elies was Born 8th Day of September 1802

[facts in file: The Veteran married February 24, 1780, Catharine Davidson, the daughter of John Davidson. She was born December 2, 17 62 in the State of Pennsylvania and when about 12 years old her father moved to South Carolina and lived in the part of the state that later became York County; soon after the marriage of the veteran and his wife they moved to Lincoln County North Carolina and in 1795 moved to Scott County Kentucky, about 5 years later moved to Fayette County, then to Jessamine County, and in 1812 moved to Henry County Kentucky; the veteran took the oath of allegiance on August 29, 1778 and was discharged October 20, 1781 from a 3 month tour as Lieutenant in Captain James Little's Company in Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment; the widow died May 26, 1850; the following children survived their mother Nancy Shannon, Catharine Atkinson, Samuel Shannon, Lille Jones and John D. or B. Shannon; Catharine Shannon, the child of the veteran and his wife married James Atkinson in 1809.]

[fn p. 17]

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[fn p. 24] Camt [Camp] at Bells Branch October the 20 1781 Roan County This May Certefy [certify] that Robert Shannon Leutenant

has Servid a thre month tower of duty in the foot Servis in Capt Littles Company under the Command of Colo Lock and is hereby discharged Given under our hands

> Jas Little Capt Francis Lock Colo

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