

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Mordecai Shackelford S21971

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS Superior Court September Term 1832

On this 18th day of September personally appeared in open Court before William H Crawford Judge of the Superior Court of the northern Circuit of said State now sitting for the County of Elbert Mordecai Shackelford a resident of Abbeville district in South Carolina aged Sixty-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Joseph Morton [probably a mistaken identification of Joshua Martin] was the Captain who commanded the Company in which he served. Robert Williams commanded them until they joined General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he entered the service on the 1st day of March 1781 at Pittsylvania Courthouse in the State of Virginia as a drafted militia man for a 3 months tour and was regularly discharged at the end of the term of his service, that he joined the main Army under General Green on the 12th day of March 1781 at the high rock Ford of the Haw River and was with General Green at the battle of Guilford Court house on the 15th of March 1781 under General Stephens [Edward Stevens].

That he again entered the service under Captain Charles Hutchins [Charles Hutchings] about the 1st of August 1781 as a substitute in the place of his Father John Shackelford and served out his time and got his discharge at Boyd's ferry on Dan River, that in the last tour he was commanded by Colonel Williams, that they were embodied at the Halifax old town in Pittsylvania County Virginia and went to Waldons Springs and then back to Halifax old town. That in the last tour he was not attached to any regular or Continental troops. That in his first tour he was acquainted with General Green and Colonel Washington, that he was well acquainted with Colonel Cock who commanded the Regiment he was then on the day of the battle of Guilford and from that time until he was discharged which was at Ramsower Mill [Ramseys Mill] on deep river in the State of North Carolina and that both his discharges are lost he not expecting they would ever be needed.

That he knows of no man whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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. And I do not know of any person in this section of Country by whom I can prove my services.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 18th September 1832

Test: S/ B. Houston, Clk

Mordecai Shackelford

[Thomas Hearn & James Riley, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Abbeville District Court of Equity June 1839

On the 10th day of June personally appeared in open Court before Job Johnston one of the Chancellors of the said State now sitting in the Court of Equity Mordecai Shackelford a resident of the district & state aforesaid aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1836. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

Joseph Molton [possibly a misidentification of Capt. Joshua Martin] was the Captain who commanded the company in which he served Robert Williams commanded them until they joined General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he entered the service on the 1st day of March 1781 at Pittsylvania Courthouse in the State of Virginia as a drafted militia man for a three months tour and was regularly discharged after having served full three months, the term of his service. That he joined the main Army under General Green on the 12th day of March 1781 at the high rock Ford on the Haw River and was with General Green at the battle of Guilford Court house on the 15th of March 1781 under General Stephens [Edward Stevens].

That he again entered the service under Captain Charles Huschins [probably Charles Hutchings] about the 1st of August 1781 as a substitute in the place of his Father John Shackelford for a tour of three months & served out the full time of three months and got his Honorable discharge at Boyd's ferry on Dan River. That in the last tour he was commanded by Colonel Williams. That they were embodied at Halifax old town in Pittsylvania County Virginia and went to Waidens Springs [?] and then back to Halifax old town. That in the last tour he was not attached to any regular or Continental troops. That in his 1st tour he was acquainted with General Green & Colonel Washington. That he was well acquainted with Colonel Cock who commanded the Regiment he was then on the day of the battle of Guilford and from that day until he was discharged which was at Ramsowers Mill [Ramseys mill] on deep river in the State of North Carolina. He served as a private in both tours and in all served at least six months and that both of his discharges are lost – he not expecting that they would ever be needed. That he knows of no man whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. 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 and that he does not know of any person in this section of Country by whom he can prove his services. That he was born in Madison County in the state of Virginia in the year 1763 and removed when he was about [indecipherable word]¹ years of age with his father & family to Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia. I have no record of my age but recollect distinctly that account given to me by my

¹ *lxxv* ninten ? [nineteen?]

parents. In 1784 he removed to the South & settled near Rucksville [?] ² in Elbert County in the State of Georgia where he remained till 1799 when he moved to Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina where he now lives. He is acquainted with Doctor A. B. Arnold Reverend Charles Martin, Jacob Martin, Stephen Jones & others who are my neighbors.

Sworn to the 10 June 1839 in open court

S/ Mordecai Shackelford

[Charles Martin, a clergyman, Stephen Jones & Jacob Martin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia or 6 months.]

² Rucksville