Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Shaffer S40403 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. PA

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Andrew Shaffer of the County of Stark in the State of Ohio upon Oath makes the following Declaration.

That the said Andrew Shaffer on or about the first day of December 1780 enlistled into the Army of the United States under the Command of Capt [Samuel] Montgomery of the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment commanded by [blank] that this Declarant served in the said Regiment as a Soldier untill June 1781 when (after some skirmishing near Williamsburg in Virginia in which Capt Montgomery was wounded [Battle of Green Springs Plantation 6 mi SW of Williamsburg, 6 Jul 1781]) he was along with others transfered to Capt Henderson's Company of the 2^d Pennsylvania Reg'n. then Commanded by Maj Hamilton, in which Company this declarant served untill about the first of October 1783 when this declarant was discharged from Service at the Barracks in Philadelphia (his Term of Service having then expired with the Termination of the War)

That this declarant has lost the Discharge he obtained. That he was in the engagment near Williamsburg in Virginia against L'd. Cornwallis, that he was at the taking of Cornwallis at York [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], that he left the Army of George Washington after the taking of Cornwallis & left Richmond with the said 2^d Pennsylvania Reg'n. on the 4th day of December 1781 and marched to & joined the Southern Army under Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] on the 4th of January 1782. That the said Regiment embarked on Board the Contractor at Fort Johnston [sic: Fort Johnson in South Carolina] on James Island & Landed at Baltimore From whence it went to Philadelphia & was Discharged. That this Declarant was with the said Regiment throughout the whole of said time & faithfully done his duty.

That this declarant had hoped to get along the few years that he has yet to live without asking for the assistance of his Country for Support but that he finds he must suffer if he longer defers to ask for aid, that he is now Sixty two years of age, that he has no land or other means of Support, and that he hereby relinquishes all pensions, heretofore granted him having never applied for any pension or Land Bounty.

Subscribed & Sworn to at Canton 22^d Nov'r 1819.

[signed in German]

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Andrew Shaffer was dropped from the pension list because he did not apply under the act of 1 May 1820, which required pensioners under the act of 1818 to declare their property.