Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Sheppard S47833 Transcribed by Will Graves

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At a Court held for Albemarle County on the 4th day of May 1818 Joseph Sheppard a resident of this County aged sixty-eight years the 2nd day of last February, this day personally appeared in Court being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision may by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" that he the said Joseph Sheppard enlisted in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Wallace of the 3rd Virginia Regiment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for the space of three years, when he was discharged from the service, that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services,

Sworn to and declared in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

Whereupon from the evidence aforesaid it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that the said Joseph Sheppard did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months in the Continental establishment; and that the proceedings and testimony taken & had before this Court the transmitted to the Secretary of the War Department pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned Act of Congress.

In testimony whereof I Alexander Garrett Clerk of the said County Court of Albemarle have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of the said County this 4th day of March 1818 and in the 42nd year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Alexander Garrett, C & C

Virginia

Albemarle County to wit

On this 4th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Joseph Sheppard aged seventy years the 2nd day of last February resident in said County who being first duly sworn as the law directs doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit That he enlisted in Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Wallace of the third Virginia Regiment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States for the space of three years when he was discharged from service, that he was in no battle, and that he made a declaration in May 1818 and that he has obtained a pension Certificate Numbered 6975 [could be 6973] and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner

f10VA 2/8/12 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed to wit – Nothing

S/ Joseph Sheppard, X his mark

And the said Joseph Sheppard further declares that his occupation has been that of a chair maker that he is unable to pursue it from being afflicted with the Palsy and that he has no family.

Sworn to and declared on the 4th day of September 1820 before the Court of Albemarle County sitting.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 4th, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]