Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Shaddy W9647¹ Mary fn80NC
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The State of Indiana, Switzerland County: SS:

On this 17th day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared, in open court, before the Honorable, the Circuit Court, of the County aforesaid, being a court of record, John Shaddy a resident of Switzerland County Indiana aged seventy-eight years, who, being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June, A.D. 1832 – that he, the said John Shaddy entered the service of the United States, during the American Revolutionary War, under the following named officers and served as herein stated – That he, the said Shaddy served in A.D. 1779, for 5 or 6 months as a private soldier, in a troop of horse commanded by Captain Allen in the 14th Regiment of North Carolina militia. Again in A.D. 1780, he served for about nineteen months, as a private Soldier in a company commanded by Captain Hardin Perkins, of the 14th Regiment of the North Carolina Militia, commanded by Colonel William O'Neal = Again in A.D. 1781, he served for about 6 months, in a company commanded by Captain Hardin Perkins, of the same 14th Regiment of North Carolina militia,

And, that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said John Shaddy. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born near Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina on the 26th day of February 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have the record of my age in my father's handwriting in this Bible, which he presented to me.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I lived after the revolution about 25 years in North Carolina about 2 in Tennessee – about 4 in Kentucky – about 2 in Ohio – and about 17 in Indiana = I have never been out of the United States: –

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4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Personally, I volunteered = Secondly, I enlisted and thirdly or lastly, I volunteered to serve against the Tories.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

General Greene a regular Officer, commanded generally in 1778 or 1779 = he was at Guilford & Alamance A.D. In 1779, at Orange County North Carolina I volunteered and served as a private soldier in a troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain Allen of Guilford County North Carolina who belonged to the 14th Regiment of that State: our troop was informed by persons belonging to the Counties of Orange, Guilford, Chatham and the Randolph. James Patterson, also commanded a troop, at the same time, made up exclusively almost of men from Orange County. We marched from Orange County, first to South Carolina near and from thence to Pennsylvania, passing through Baltimore and Yorktown in Pennsylvania to near Philadelphia on the Schuylkill River, where we tarried a short time, and were again ordered back to South Carolina, and were discharged on Pedee River: and we served during this tour between 5 and 6 months. Again, in August (I think) of A.D. 1780, I enlisted for 3 years in Orange County, North Carolina in a company of militia as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain Hardin Perkins (it Jacob Ridge was our Lieutenant and Henry Loy, was our Ensign) in the 14th Regiment of North Carolina militia, commanded by Colonel William O'Neal (William Matall, was our Major and William Butler, our General) our Regiment was formed of men residing in the Counties of Orange, Guilford, Chatham and Randolph. After our Regiment was organized we marched to Pedee River in South Carolina and lay there a short time = about three months, after joining the Regiment, I acted as cook and waiter to General Butler and Colonel O'Neal and when taking a horse of the general's to water, I was thrown from it and had my breastbone broken - I was then sent to the hospital and lay under the doctor's hands for some time more than months when I got able to ride, I was discharged and returned home after being thus in service for about __ months. One of the doctors, was [word obscured and illegible] Brown. I was discharged about ten miles from Charleston, South Carolina by General Butler. Lieutenant Foot belonged to our Regiment but not to our company. (During this tour, and a short time before I received the fall from the General's horse, I was in the battle at Guilford. General Paceley [sic, John Paisley?] of the North Carolina Militia was in the same battle so was captains Shaw, Albright and Lieutenant Jacob Clapp, all of the North Carolina militia = there were also in said battle with some militia from Virginia, one company of which was called the Virginia Blues. I was also in a battle against the British at a place called the Alamance Creek, in Orange County North Carolina, after the battle of Guilford Alamance Creek was within ten miles of Haw River and about 25 miles from the Shallow Ford of the said Haw River. There was another Regiment with hours at Alamance, but I have forgotten the commandant's name. Again in A.D. 1781 or 1782, I volunteered in Orange County North Carolina as a private, in a company commanded by Captain Hardin Perkins, our Lieutenant was named Thomas Foot, of the 14th Regiment of Militia as aforesaid and served about 6 months we were kept on the scout up after Tories, pretty much during the whole of this tour = William Price of our company shot one Tory and we lay before them watching the house of Jacob Hogg at Hillsboro who was suspected of being a Tory = he proved himself a friend and we quit the premises and I was finally discharged at __ by __. 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a written discharge signed by General Butler but have lost it.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Mr. Cotton Henry Cotton, John F. Dufom

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your service, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony you can procure to testify to your service?

I have none and know of no person being now alive by whom I can prove the same.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward Patten, Clerk

S/ John Shaden

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[John Pavy, a clergyman, and Samuel Pavy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Switzerland County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 8th day of May A.D. 1833, personally appeared at before me the within named John Shaddy, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that he was under the doctor's care for the space of 8 months, = that he served under his enlistment for the full space of 2 years and 3 months, including the time he was under the hands of the doctor and the time it took him to reach home again and he swears positively and unequivocally that he served during the Revolutionary War for the full term of 3 years, and that he was finally discharged at Camden South Carolina, and further saith not.

S/ John Sahddy

[fn p 8: on March 31, 1855 in Switzerland County Indiana, John Shaddy, 97, filed for his bounty land entitlement as a soldier in the revolution

[fn p. 18: on October 6, 1859 in Switzerland County Indiana, Mary Shaddy, 83, a resident of Bennington in the County of Switzerland made oath that she is the widow of John Shaddy deceased, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him April 20, 1795; that they were married by the one Mr. Barnhart a Presbyterian Minister; that she has no record of her marriage; that her husband died in Bennington, County aforesaid, February 21, 1859 and she remains his widow.]

facts in file: in another document dated 1860 the widow stated that she never was married but once and that at that time she had the following children: Catharine, Elizabeth, deceased; Polly; Barbra, Lucinda, Ensley; George W, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Jordon, deceased; William; Hardin, deceased; John, deceased; Turley, deceased; and Elizabeth, deceased. In 1860, Ensley was 56 and signed "Shadday."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.83 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 14 months service as a private in the cavalry and infantry of the North Carolina militia.]