Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleberry (Berry) Shields[1] W6024 Susannah f70VA
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State of Georgia Jackson County SS

On this third day of March 1845 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County in Open Court it being a Court of Record, Susannah Shields a Resident of the County of Jackson Georgia aged seventy-three 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 7th 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows:" That she is the widow of Littleberry Shields who was a private in the war of the Revolution and according to the best of her knowledge and belief served three years in Colonel Lee's Regiment, that he entered the service as she recollects to have heard him say in the year 1780 from Halifax or Pittsylvania County Virginia as an enlisted soldier she thinks for seven years, though it might have been for during the war and went to South Carolina under Colonel Lee & General Green [Nathanael Greene] and was at Charleston when the British was driven out of that place in 1782 or 1783 and was discharged about the time the British left Charleston – that during his service he was stationed for a time at Bacons Bridge near Charleston. She has no recollection that he was ever in any battle nor has she any recollection of the names of any of the other officers except the Paymaster Major Joseph Eggleston from whom he received his last page – and that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim –

She further declares that she was married to the said Littleberry Shields on the 27th day of December in the year 1787 that her husband the aforesaid Littleberry Shields died on the 17th day of December 1827. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.
Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year above written in open Court

S/ Susannah Shields, X her mark

[f p. 5: On March 15, 1855 in Forsyth County Georgia, Susannah Shields, aged about 85 years a resident of Forsyth County filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Berry or Littleberry Shields, deceased; that her husband volunteered in Halifax County Virginia and served about 2 years and was discharged in the year 1781; that she married him in Pittsylvania County Virginia December 28, 1785; that they were married by Lazarus Dodson a Minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Susannah Rogers and that her husband died December 19, 1827; and that she is a pensioner of the United States for the service of her husband at the rate of $57.50 per annum. She signed her application with her mark.]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of March 1785, in the name of Berry Shields, as a Soldier of Infantry for £16.13.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to John Buckley and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
17th day of September 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[f p. 24]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 18th day of August 1786, in the name of Berry Shiele, as a Soldier of Cavalry for £16.10.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
21st day of October 1845.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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State of Georgia Madison County: SS

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Personally came Susannah Shields and being duly sworn declares, that she is the widow of Littleberry Shields who was a private in the revolutionary Army in Colonel Lee's Legion and served as she believes both on foot and horse from Halifax or Pittsylvania County Virginia, that his Christian name was Littleberry – but that in the family and among the neighbors he was known and often called Berry, that the father of said Littleberry, at all times, uniformly called him Berry, and by no other name. That Mary Persons wrote it and considered it a double name as Little Berry that said Berry Shields was not able to write but made his mark and responded to or recognize the name written in either way. That she was married to said Berry Shields in the month of December 1787 in Pittsylvania County Virginia, one Lazarus Dotson a Minister of the Gospel, and that her name before her said marriage was Susannah Rogers, that she has no record of said marriage, nor record of Births of his children, or deaths, or any other thing whatever by which the date of her said marriage is shown. That her husband the said Berry Shields died in the County of Madison in the state of Georgia on the 17th day of December 1827 – and that she has remained a widow ever since his death.

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of November 1851 before me

S/ Dudley J Chandler, JP

S/ Susanna shields, X her mark