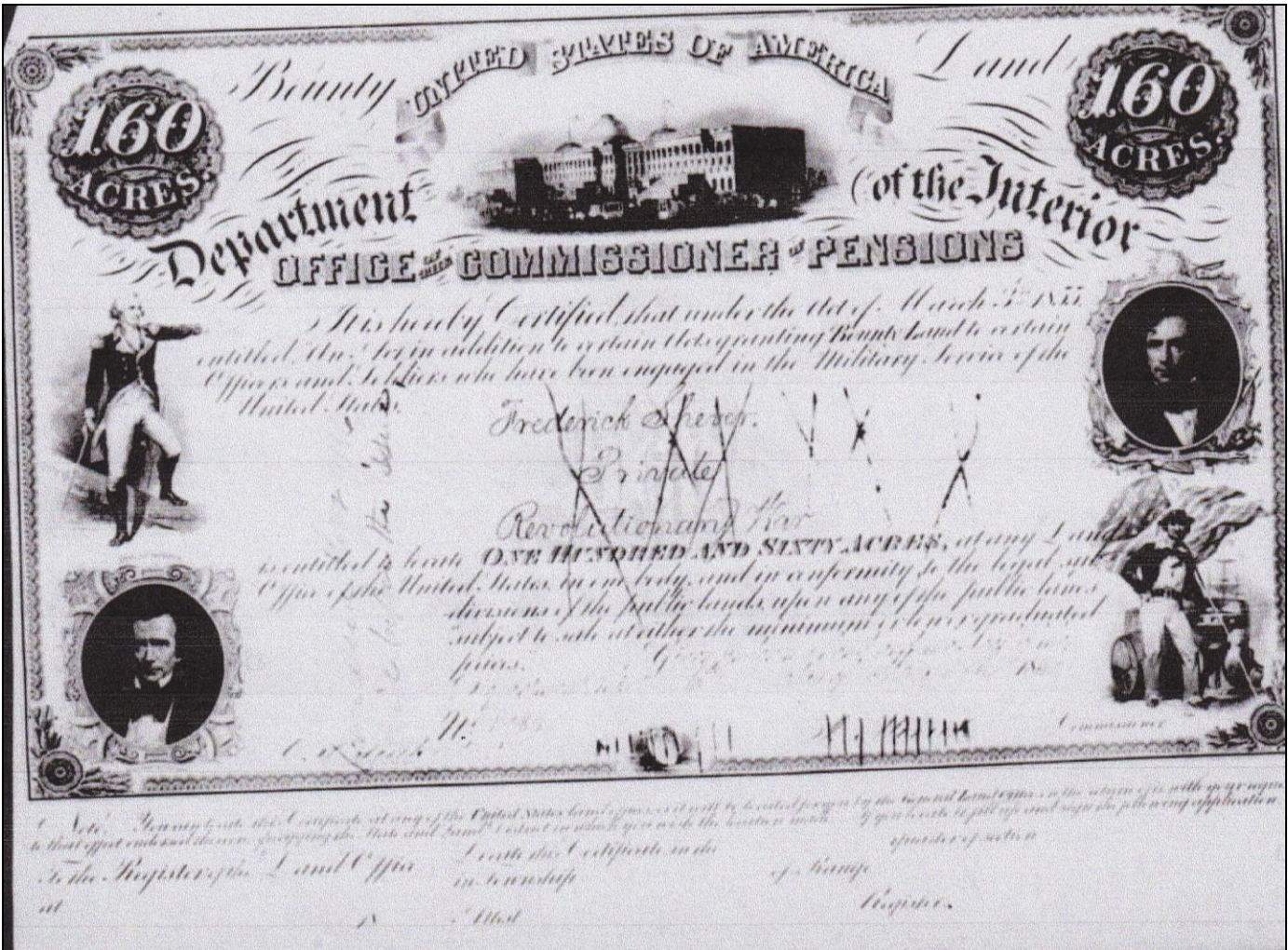


FREDERICK SHAVER/SHEFFER

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Frederick "Shever" appears in the 1835 Pension Listing of Greene County, Tennessee. He was 76 years old and had been drawing pension of \$80 per annum effective September 19, 1833.



[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Greene County: On this the 24th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid Frederick Shever a resident of said County aged seventy-five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted for the term of three years in the Army of the United States on the 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1779 in the town of Woodstock, County of Shenandoah & State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Kirk and first Lieutenant Henry Davine [?] in the 16th or 18th Regiment commanded by Colonel Camel [Campbell?], that he continued to serve in said Corps for 2 years & 9 months – after which time he returned home on furlough & finding his father in a declining state of health was permitted to remain by furnishing a substitute for the residue of his term which was 3 months, this term was served in the State of South Carolina and under one enlistment. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State. This applicant states that he has lost his discharges.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Me. Payne, D. C.

S/ Frederick Shaver

State of Indiana County of Clinton: SS: On this 30th day of April A.D. 1855

Personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Frederick Shever aged ninety-seven years, a resident of Warren Township in the County of Clinton and State of Indiana who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Frederick Shever who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Kirk Lieutenant Colonel forgotten Major \_\_ in the (he thinks the 8th) Regiment of Virginia – militia or Regulars in the war of the Revolution with Great Britain 1775 that he entered the service at Miller's town (Woodstock) Shenandoah County Virginia day of \_\_ 1775 or 6 for the term of 3 years and continued in actual service for the period of 2 years and 9 months during which service he was in actual service in said War under General Morgan and at the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at or near Charleston South Carolina on account of sickness having performed actual service in said John Kirk's Company of at least 2 years & 9 months the exact dates of enlistment & discharge he does not recollect with any certainty. He states that he is now a pensioner of the United States & receives \$80 per annum a copy of his certificate of pension & refer to the pension office for proof & in the papers on file. He makes this declaration

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for the purpose of procuring a warrant under act of 3rd March 1855.

He hereby declares that he has not received a warrant under this or any other act of Congress and never made any other application only the pension – for said service, I received pay from the United States – any discharge was signed by someone of my officers & has been lost, and I refer to the muster rolls of said company and the proof & papers on file in case of my application for a pension.

S/ Frederick Shever, X his mark

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 18, 1855 in Clinton County Indiana. His wife died in July 1845 her name is not given in the file. They both died at the home of their youngest son Benjamin A. Shaffer who in 1856 was 46 years of age and living in Carroll County Indiana. The veteran was said by his son to have been 100 years and 5 days old when he died.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

Frederick left Greene County, when on May 15, 1837, he acquired land in Clinton County, Indiana.

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**CERTIFICATE**  
No. 28,222

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *Frederick Shaffer, of Clinton County, Indiana,*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Crawfordsville* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Frederick Shaffer*

according to the provisions of

the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

*the South East quarter of the North West quarter of Section thirty three, in Township twenty three North, of Range one East, in the District of Lands, Subject to sale at Crawfordsville, Indiana, containing, forty acres.*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Frederick Shaffer*

**NOW KNOW YE,** That the

**United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED,** and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT,** unto the said *Frederick Shaffer*

After the relocation, Frederick's Pension payments were transferred to Clinton County, Indiana in 1843:



Senate Chamber  
Washington Mar 2. 1855

Sir:

I enclose you the papers of  
Frederick Shaver for a transfer of  
his name from the Tennessee to the  
Indiana Agency -

Please send your answer to Saml.  
D. Maxwell by Frankfurt, Clinton  
Co. Ind<sup>na</sup> - and I request that  
you will also reply to the question  
marked (2), in his letter to me  
herewith sent

Respectly  
Yr Obedt Serv  
A. J. White

A. S. Edwards Esq  
Comr. of Pensions

At the advanced age of 97, Frederick Shaver was among the very few Revolutionary War Soldiers who lived sufficiently long to apply for Bounty Land Warrants under the Act of 1855. His application is dated April 30, 1855, and he was awarded 160 acres of land.

17855  
Shaver  
No Army



State of Indiana  
County of Clinton

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1865

Personally appeared before me, a justice of the Peace, within and for the said County and State aforesaid,  
Frederick Shaver, aged sixty seven years, a resident of  
Waver Township in the County of Clinton and State  
of Indiana who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he  
is the identical Frederick Shaver who was a  
private in the company commanded by Captain John Kirk  
Lieutenant Colonel forgotten  
Major in the (he thinks the 5<sup>th</sup>) Regiment of  
Virginia Militia or Regulars  
in the war of the Revolution with Great Britain 1775  
that he entered the service at Milton town (Woodstock) Shenandoah County  
Virginia for the term of three years  
day of 1775 and continued in actual service for the period of two  
years and nine months

and ~~that~~ he was in actual service in said war under  
General Morgan ~~in the war of 1775~~  
He was honorably discharged at or near Charleston South Carolina  
on the account of sickness  
Having performed actual service in said Captain John Kirk's  
two years & nine months  
the exact dates of enlistment & discharge he does not  
recollect with any exactness

He avers that he ~~is now a pensioner of the United~~  
States & receiving eight dollars per annum a  
copy of my certificate of pension upon the pension  
He makes this declaration for the purpose of procuring a warrant under act of March 1855

~~He has never made any application for a pension~~  
He hereby declares that he has not received a warrant under that or any other act of Congress  
and never made any other application only for  
the pension  
For said service, I received pay from the United States  
my discharge was signed by some one of my officers & has been lost,  
and I refer to the muster rolls of said company  
and the proof papers on file in case of my  
application for a pension

Sworn and subscribed before me, the day and year  
above written. Frederick Shaver

I hereby certify  
John Barner Fossilford, Ind. is hereby appointed my Attorney, to receive the Land Warrant due me.  
that I believe the said Frederick Shaver to be the  
identical man who deposed and  
approved and that he is of  
the age above stated  
as I have looked up papers for him  
to draw his pension (indians and  
interlocutions done before signing)

Frederick died at the age of 100 years and 5 days, shortly after this application. Frederick's son, Benjamin son wrote to the Pension Office to give notice of his Father's death:



To the Senate & House of  
Representatives of the Congress  
of the United States.

Your petitioner Benjamin  
A. Shafer aged forty six years  
a resident of Carroll County  
Indiana, would respectfully  
represent that whereas  
Frederick Shafer (whofer) a  
soldier of the Revolutionary War  
aged one hundred years & five  
days died on the 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1855, at the residence  
of your petitioner in Clinton County  
Indiana (with whom said  
decedent had resided ~~with her~~  
for 26 years) with <sup>also</sup> the wife  
of the decedent who resided with him  
up to <sup>the time of</sup> ~~her~~ death which occurred  
previous to unit in July 1845.

and that your petitioner had the care  
and support of the said decedent  
for the whole length of time that  
~~that~~ he resided with your petitioner  
and that since the death  
of said soldier to unit on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1856 a warrant  
for 100 acs of Land <sup>(No 17-355)</sup> issued



from the Department of the  
Interior in favor of said decedent.  
Your petitioner would further  
re-remark that he is the youngest  
child of the decedent and  
that said decedent left no widow  
or minor children.

Your petitioner would therefore  
ask your Honors to pass a law  
giving & granting to him the  
power to locate or sell and  
convey said warrant (No 17,855) for  
his own use & benefit and  
your petitioner will ever pray

August 9<sup>th</sup> 1856  
attest

D. A. Shaffer

J. Barner



Gray's Cemetery Clinton County, Indiana