

WILLIAM SHARP

(3-1778)

SERVICE

NUMBER

Va. Sharp, William
Elizabeth W. 2473
B.L.W. 12701-160-55

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1534
William Sharp
served in the Revolutionary
War, as a Private
Va Line
scribed on the Roll at the rate of
90 Dollars 00
Cents per annum, to commence on
the 1st day of March 1848.
3rd February 1833
Certificate of Pension issued the
25th day of Aug 1853
sent to
P. McDonald
Greenville
Tenn.
Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
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William is included on the 1835 listing of Greene County's Pensioners. He appears to have also lived in Jefferson County [refer to a 1934 letter from the U. S. Pension office in response to an inquiry], although his pension and that of his widow were filed in Greene County.

Pension application of William Sharp¹ W2473

Elizabeth

f52VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

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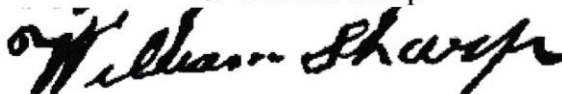
[f p. 43]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828, I William Sharp of the County of Green in the State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Minnis Company in the 16th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker and that I fault in several engagements to wit the battle at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], at the taking of corn Wallace [October 19, 1781] and that I have a numerous and helpless family whom I am unable to support without the assistance of the government and that I am not worth \$25 in the world that I had my discharge which I had till I removed to this state which got lost and asked of my country to place my name on the pension [list] of those who were my brothers in the field of battle and that I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th May 1828 and I further declare that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension list of the United States. Witness my hand & seal this 29 July 1829.

Sworn and subscribed before me.

S/ John S. Reed, JP

S/ William Sharp



State of Tennessee Green County:

On the 25 day of January 1830 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid William Sharp resident in Jefferson County State aforesaid, aged seventy years against the 3rd day of June next, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st May 1820 –

That he the said William Sharp enlisted for the Term of one year, – sometime in the month of August he thinks, and in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Menis [probably Minnis], he thinks Francis Menis [Francis Minnis] was the Lieutenant of said Company – in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg – that he continued to serve in said Corps until six months after said year

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had expired – making in all eighteen months service, when he was discharged from the service in Middle brook in the State of New Jersey, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State as a pensioner and that the following is the reason for not making earlier application for a pension, to wit, he did not wish to depend upon his Country for a support as long as he could avoid it –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 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 and by me subscribed – That since the 18th of March 1818, no changes have been made in my property – that my occupation has been farming, that I am no tradesmen – that my first wife is dead, my second wife named Elizabeth is alive – By both wives I have had in all 16 children all alive but one – By the first wife ten children named John, 42 years old, William 40, Elisha 38, Betsy 36, Susannah 34, David 32, Peggy 30, Andrew 28, Mahala 26, Casper 24, – all of whom are married and settled in different Counties & States, none of them living in the County in which I reside – By the 2nd wife I had 6 children, (and did as aforesaid) to wit Matilda aged 14, who is a perfect Immediate, Sarah aged 12, Polly 10, Rachel 8, Thomas Jackson 6 – all of whom live with this declarant – This declarant states that his labor & property which consist only in household furniture will not yield him a competent support; that owing to age & infirmity he is no longer able to work – that his discharge has been casually lost – That the following containing a full & perfect & true statement of all the declarant Estate of every description –

One cow, 2 beds & furniture, one ax, one pot, one oven, half dozen knives & forks, one skillet, one table, one half dozen plates, 6 tin cups, 2 pails, one hoe.

Sworn to & declared on the 25th day of January 1830

S/ M. Payne, D. C.

S/ William Sharp

[f p. 10: On February 28, 1853 in Greene County Tennessee, Elizabeth Sharp, aged about 60 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Sharp a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month; that he was a resident of Greene County Tennessee for the space of nearly 38 years before his death; that she married him in Greene County Tennessee about the 25th day of October 1815; that they were married by Joseph Davies, JP, that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Massey; that her husband died in Greene County Tennessee December 17, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[f p. 35: copy of a marriage bond issued in Greene County Tennessee to William Sharp and John Rinehart October 25, 1815 conditioned upon the marriage of William Sharp to Elizabeth Massey.]

[With veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 11, 1830, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

WILLIAM SHARP

William Sharp applied for revolutionary pension while living in Jefferson County, Tenn., January 25, 1830. He was born June 3, 1760. He enlisted in August, 1777, in Virginia, under Captain Mims, Lieut. Francis Mims and Colonel Richard Parker, in the Virginia Continental Line, commanded by General Mullenberg. He was discharged after eighteen months' service, at Middlebrook, N. J. He served in the battles of Monmouth, Guilford Court House and Yorktown. He stated that his first wife died and that his second wife, named Elizabeth, was alive in 1830. By both wives he had sixteen children, ten by the first wife and six by the second wife. In 1830 they were all alive, but one John aged 42 years, William aged 40 years, Elisha aged 38 years, Betsey aged 36 years, Susanna, aged 34 years, David aged 32 years, Peggy aged 30 years, Andrew aged 28 years, Mahala aged 36 years, Casper aged 24 years, children of the first wife were married and settled in different counties and states, none in Jefferson County. By the second wife the living children were: Matilda aged 14 years, "who is a perfect idiot," Sarah aged 12 years, Polly aged 10 years, Rachel aged 8 years and Thomas Jackson aged 6 years. He stated that he had one cow, two beds and furniture, one ax, one pot, one oven, one half dozen knives and forks, one skillet, one table, one half dozen plates, six tin cups, two pails, one hoe.

Elizabeth Sharp, widow of William Sharp, applied for widow's pension in Greene County, February 28, 1853. She married the soldier October 25, 1815, in Greene County. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Massey. William Sharp died December 17, 1842.

Note:- This list of possessions is given here as it forms an illustration of the financial status of hundreds of early pensioners of the revolutionary war. The veterans who applied later under the 1832 Act were not required to declare such absolute need,

WIDOW'S PENSION AND BOUNTY LAND:

101634
Elizabeth Sharp
William Sharp
Per. War
Rev. Pension
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B. McDaniel

Widow's Pension

101634
Elizabeth Sharp
Claim for Bounty Land
As of March 3, 1855
B. McDaniel
Agent
Greenville Tennessee

Bounty Land

State of Tennessee
Greene County 3^d. On this sixth day
of April A. D. One thousand
eight hundred and fifty five, before me John
Barman, a Justice of the peace within and for the
county and state aforesaid, personally appeared
Elizabeth Sharp, aged about sixty two years past,
a resident of Greene County in the state of Tennessee,
who being duly sworn according to law declares
that she is the widow of William Sharp deceased,
who was a Private of the Virginia Continental
Line in the war of the revolution, and that he
received a pension from the united states, for his
services in said war, at the Agency of the united
States in Knoxville, State of Tennessee, at the rate
of ~~one~~ ^{two} dollars per annum, under the act of
Congress of 18th of March 1818 or some subsequent
act; and that he was placed on the pension roll,
according to her information about the 12th day of
March 1830.

For the particulars of his service in the war of the
war of the revolution, she refers the department
to his Declaration and proofs, now on file, as she
supposes in the Pension Office.

She further states that she was married to
the said William Sharp in Greene County in the
state of Tennessee on or about the twenty fifth day
of October A. D. One thousand eight hundred and
fifteen, by one Joseph Davis a Justice of the peace
in and for said county, and that her name before
her said marriage was Elizabeth Massey.

That her said husband died in Greene
County in the state of Tennessee on or about the
seventeenth day of December A. D. One thousand

[Note: The marriage record does not appear in Burgner's Marriage Records. A statement regarding the omission was provided by E. W. Headrick as was a certified copy of the marriage bond.]

eight hundred and forty two and that she is now a widow.

In proof of her said marriage and her said husband's death, she refers the Department to the papers now on file with her Declaration for a revolutionary pension under the "2d section of the act of February 3, 1853" made in Greene county State of Tennessee on the 28th day of February A.D. 1853 (1853) before Anthony Rankin a Justice of the Peace for said County, which was filed soon thereafter.

She further declares that she was allowed a revolutionary pension under said "2d section" of said act of "February 3, 1853" at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum - and that she receives said pension at Jonesboro in the State of Tennessee, and that she now holds her Certificate of Pension payable at that place by William H Blair, dated the "twenty fifth day of August, 1853" eight hundred and fifty three" Signed by "Wm. C. Claiborne, Secretary of the Interior" and "L. P. Waldo, Commissioner of Pensions"

She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, 1855.

She also declares that she has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefor

Witness

A Rankin
Daniel Kripp



her
Elizabeth X Sharp
mark

M. W. A. Rankin and Daniel Kripp residents of Greene county in the State of Tennessee, upon our oaths, declare that the

foregoing Declaration was signed and acknowl-
-edged by Elizabeth Sharp in our presence; and
that we believe, from the appearance and state-
-ments of the applicant, as well as from our
long personal acquaintance with her that she
is the identical person she represents herself
to be, and that we have no interest in this
claim.

A. Rankin
Daniel Sharp

The foregoing Declaration and affidavit
were sworn to and subscribed before me on
the day and year first within written; and
I certify that I know the affiants to be credible
persons, of lawful age, and residents of Greene
County, State of Tennessee; that the claimant
exhibited to me her Certificate of Pension
within mentioned, and that she has correctly
described it; that she is well known to me,
and know she is the person she represents
herself to be, and that I have no interest in
this claim, and further that I believe
said Certificate of Pension to be genuine.
this Sixth day of April one thousand eight
hundred and fifty five. John Harman
Justice of the peace

State of Tennessee SS.

Greene County. I Olyph N. Smith, Clerk of
the County Court of said County,
do certify that John Harman Esq. whose genuine
official signature appears to the foregoing proceedings
relatives to Elizabeth Sharp is now and was at the date
thereof an acting Justice of the peace in and for
the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and
qualified according to law, and that full faith

- and credit, should be given to the same as
his official acts.

Given under my hand and seal of
office in Greenville the nineteenth
day of April One thousand eight
hundred and fifty four

B. W. Headrick C. C.

State of Tennessee
Greene County 3^d of Elijah W. Headrick, Clerk
of the County Court of said County,
do certify, that the Declarations of Elizabeth Sharp,
hereto attached, widow of William Sharp deceased,
in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress
of 3^d February 1853, relative to revolutionary
pensions, are the original proceedings had and
approved by said Court at its March term, Monday
the seventh one thousand eight hundred and
fifty three: that John Davis Esq. whose genuine
official signature appears to the approval of said

Massie, but without success; and that the
marriage files in my office are defective,
from the fact that no law existed at the date
of said Bond requiring the return of marriage
License by the officiating Ministers and
Justices, and further, that I am disinterested.

Given under my hand and
seal of office, at office, in
Greenville, this eighth day of
March One thousand eight
hundred and fifty three.

B. W. Headrick C. C.

1815 MARRIAGE BOND FOR MARRIAGE OF WILLIAM SHARP TO ELIZABETH MASSEY

"State of Tennessee,
"Greene County 7th Know all men by these
" presents, That we William
"Sharp and John Pinchart, our heirs ~~and~~ executors
"and administrators, are jointly and severally
"bound unto Joseph McMiner Esq. Governor of the
"State of Tennessee for the time being, and to his
"successors in the sum of Twelve hundred and
"fifty dollars, to be void on condition that there
"is no lawful cause to obstruct the marriage of
"the said William Sharp and Elizabeth Massey
"of said county, or to pay all costs and damages
"that may be recovered in consequence of such
"marriage being illegal.

" Given under our hands and seals the 25th
"day of October 1815

" Attest

" A. Patterson."

William Sharp (Seal)
John Pinchart (Seal)

August 10, 1934

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William Sharp - N. 2473
BA-3/ANT

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Mrs. E. C. Wells
108 Highland Street
Lookout Mountain
Tennessee

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of William Sharp, a pensioner in Greene County, Tennessee.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, N. 2473, based upon the military service of William Sharp, during the War of the Revolution.

William Sharp was born June 3, 1760, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents given.

He enlisted in the state of Virginia and served as a private in Captain Francis Minnie's company, Colonel Richard Parker's Virginia regiment, was in the battles of Monmouth, Guilford Court House, and at the taking of Cornwallis, length of service eighteen months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 26, 1830, at which time he was living in Greene County, Tennessee.

William Sharp had two wives, name and date of marriage of first wife not stated. He married the second time, October 25, 1815 in Greene County, Tennessee, Elizabeth Massey. The soldier died December 17, 1842 in said Greene County.

The widow, Elizabeth Sharp, was allowed pension

on her application executed February 28, 1853, at which time she was about sixty years of age and a resident of Greene County, Tennessee.

The following are the names of his children by his first wife, all of whom were living in 1830 in "different counties and states" none living in Greene County, Tennessee: John, aged forty-two years; William, aged forty years; Elisha, aged thirty-eight years; Betsy, aged thirty-six years; Susanna, aged thirty-four years; David, aged thirty-two years; Peggy, aged thirty years; Andrew, aged twenty-eight years; Mahala, aged twenty-six years; Casper, aged twenty-four years. ~~They were all married in 1850,~~ no further data in regard to them.

He had six children by his second wife, Elizabeth, one was dead in 1830, name not given. In 1830 his children by second wife, were all living with him and were aged as follows: Matilda, aged fourteen years; Sarah, aged twelve years; Polly, aged ten years; Michael, aged eight years; and Thomas Jackson, aged six years.

There are no further data in this claim relative to the family of the soldier, William Sharp.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Assistant to Administrator