

Pension Application for George Shelden or Sheldon

S.17084

Private, Captain Cole, Col. Wamp
State of New York
Cayuga County SS.

On this first day of March 1833, personally appeared before me Gershom Morse a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, George Shelden a resident of Sempronius, in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged 75 years last October, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in July in the year 1777 at Stephentown Rensselaer County State of New York where he then resided. That he volunteered in Capt. James Dennison's Company Lieut. Stepehn Niles, James Jones Ensign. Our field officer was Major George White, was stationed in Hoosack, was their at the time of Bennington Battle, was in the service on this tour about one month, he then was discharged and went home.

That in the month of August the same year he was drafted for three months in Capt. Phillip Schermerhorn's Company in Col. Wamps Regiment we were stationed at the Sprouts of the Mohawk River and from there went to Bemis Heights under General Gates, was in the first Battle with General Burgoyne but a few days before the surrender of Genl. Burgoyne was taken sick and sent to the hospital and remained there until my time was nearly expired, when I was permitted to go home on the certificate of the Surgeon.

That in the Summer of 1778 he volunteered for one month under Capt. Cole to go to Schoharie and keep Garrison in the Old Stone Church, to protect the Inhabitants from the British and Indians. That in the fall of the year 1779, the whole of the Militia was called out to go to Schoharie, went in Capt. Niles Company of which Oliver Bentley was Lieutenant and Isaac Shelden Ensign, was stationed at the middle fort at Schoharie and remained in the service one month. That in the fall of the year 1780 was drafted to travass the wood west of Albany, Schenectady, Ballston, to Johnstown in search of Indians Lieutenant Oliver Bentley commanded the company and Isaac Shelden was Ensign, was out on this tour about three weeks.

And he further one oath says that in consequence of Old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than six months and three weeks, and he further says that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. (Signed) George Shelden

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Gershom Morse, a Judge of Cay.Com. Pleas.

Letter dated April 14, 1931, replying to a request for information.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.17084, that George Shelden was born in October 1757, place not stated.

While residing in Stephentown, New York, he enlisted and served as private with the New York Troops, as follows:

From July, 1777, one month in Captain James Dennison's company under Major George White; from August, 1777, three months in Captain Phillip Schermerhorn's company, Colonel Wamp or Wimps regiment and was in the first battle when Burgoyne surrendered, after which, he was taken sick and was in the hospital for a while; in the summer of 1778, one month in Captain Cole's company; in the fall of 1779, one month in Captain Niles' company; in the fall of 1780, three weeks under Lieutenant Oliver Bentley.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 1, 1863, at which time he was living in Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York.

In 1837 the soldier had moved to Dearborn County, Indiana to be near his children.

In 1833 one Ichabod Shelden was a clergyman and a resident of Sempronius, New York; and in 1837 Ichabod Shelden testified in behalf of the soldier in Dearborn Bount, Indiana, relationship not stated.