

### **Pension Application for James Schutt or Schutts**

W.19326 (Widow) Beleche or Belicha

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me Samuel Stilwell one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster and State of New York being a court of record having a clerk and seal of their own and keeping a record of their proceedings, Beleche Schutt a resident of the town of Olive in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty four 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of James Schutt deceased who was a Sergeant in the Militia of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Schutt on the tenth day of April one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six that her husband the said James Schutt died on the sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Beleche Schutt

Sworn and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Samuel Stilwell one of the Judges of Ulster County Court.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ulster County, being a Court of Record for said County. Proceeding according to the Course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings having a Clerk and a Seal of their own James Schutt a resident of the Town of Olive in the County of Ulster aged seventy eight 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 Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To Wit, that about the first of April in the year 1775, he volunteered as a private soldier in the Militia Service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War for the term of Nine months in the company under the command of Capt. James Rosekrance, (1) Lieutenants Aliger and Hopkins (2) that he with the said company rendezvoused some days at Fish Kill Dutchess County, went from there by water to Albany was there with the said company ordered by Col. Van Cortlandt (3) on a fatigue party to work the road from Albany to Lake George and continued in said service until about the first of December the next following. And that then he and the said company assisted in carrying provisions and other necessaries to the American Army across Lake George for a few days then returned to Albany where he and the said company was discharged about the first of January following. (Received no written discharge.)

And this applicant further declares that in the month of January in the year 1777 he again volunteered in the said service of the State of New York as a private soldier in the company under the command of Captain Hill (4) in Col. Abraham Brinckerhoff's (5) Regiment for two months was stationed with said company & Regiment at White Plains continued there and in its vicinity until some time in March following, when he and the said company were discharged (no written discharge).

That this applicant further declares that he again volunteered in the said service of the State of New York about the first of April in the year 1777, as a Lieutenant in the company under the command of Capt. Henry Wyckoff (6) for the term of three months, (but continued in said company and service for three and a half months), was stationed together with the company under the command of Capt. Hill at Fort Constitution but continued in said company at said Fort Constitution until about the middle of July following when he with the said company were discharged.

And the applicant further declares that in the month of October in the year 1777 he was ordered out on an alarm in the said service of the State of New York as Lieutenant in the company of Capt. John Schutt (7) in Col. Brinkerhoff's Regiment, that the said Company & Regiment met near Peakskill, marched from there up and along the banks of the Hudson River to the Village of Rhinebeck Dutchess County, where they arrived a few days after Kingston was burned by the British Army. That he and the said Company and Regiment remained at Rhinebeck until the British Shipping returned down the Hudson River when they followed them, and continued to watch the enemy until they arrived at Fishkill in said County of Dutchess, where after a service of four weeks or more they were discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the summer of 1778 he was again ordered out on an alarm against the Tories, in the neighborhood in said service of the State of New York as Lieutenant in the company of Capt. John Schutt was stationed as a guard at Peekskill called Banack No. 4 and there remained in said service for three weeks or more when he with the said company were discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the Summer of 1779 he was again ordered out on an alarm (generally called the great alarm) as Lieutenant in the Company of Capt. John Schutt in said service of the State of New York and was stationed near the Fishkill Mountains as a guard, and continued there in said service for four weeks or more when he with the said company were discharged.

And this applicant further declares that he was born in the Town of Fishkill Dutchess County and that he lived there when called into service and that he now lives in the Town of Olive in the County of Ulster, and that he has a record in his father's family Bible.

That he was always a volunteer.

That he knew General George Clinton, Colonels Dubois, VanCortland & James Clinton. (8)

That he never had a commission. Was appointed a Lieutenant by the Committee—

That he has the names attached to the certificate as regards his truth and veracity.

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 in any State. (Signed) James Schutt

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. Draper First Judge, A. G. Hardenburgh, John James, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges.

End Notes—W.19326—James Schutt

1. James enlisted as a private August 9, 1775 in Captain James Rosekrans Ninth Company in Colonel James Holmer's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. The muster roll is dated at "Still Water Octob'r 9, 1775". FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 50, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Thomas Lee was originally the second lieutenant of Captain Rosekran's Company and was promoted to first lieutenant on August 3, 1775. William B. Alber was promoted to second lieutenant in the company. A Samuel Veghten had originally been appointed the first lieutenant of the company but was not on the October 9, 1775 muster roll for his company and does not appear on any of the other muster rolls for this regiment. A Lieutenant Hopkins does not appear on any of the muster rolls for this regiment or for any of the other muster rolls for this regiment or for any of the other New York Continental Regiments for 1775.
3. Philip VanCortlandt was appointed on June 30, 1775 as the lieutenant colonel of the Fourth New York Continental Regiment.
4. Captain Andrew Hill of Colonel Dirck Brinckerhoff's Second Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.

5. Abraham Brinkerhoff was the lieutenant colonel of this regiment being appointed on October 17, 1775. As Colonel Dirck Brinkerhoff had resigned Abraham was commissioned colonel on June 25, 1778.
6. A detachment of Dutchess County Militia was raised and sent to Fort Constitution to garrison that post. Major Morris Place of Colonel William Humphrey's Fifth Regiment of Dutchess County Militia commanded this detachment. On a return for this detachment dated July 3, 1777 at Fort Constitution Captain Hendrick Wyckoff's Company is listed with "2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Schutt Absent with Leave". The return is signed by Wyckoff and he states that Major "Mairoce Pleas" (Morris Place) is in command. The other companies listed in Captain Andrew Hill of Colonel Brinkerhoff's Regiment and Captains Israel Vail (Veal) and Joshua Champlain (ChAmplain) of Colonel Humphrey's Regiment were part of this detachment. FROM: Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York State, ed. Hugh Hastings, Historian, Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., 1900, Albany, N.Y. Vol II, p 71. On page 118, another return dated July 17, 1777, adds another detachment to Fort Constitution under Major John Porter of Colonel Edward Wiggleworth's Thirteenth Massachusetts Continental Regiment. On page 126, both detachments are still listed on the July 24<sup>th</sup> 1777 return, but Major Place "and one captain of the militia sick Absent", signed by John Porter Maj'r. On page 277, a letter dated at Fort Constitution on September 3, 1777, Wyckoff writes to Governor George Clinton that the militia detachment had not been paid for the month of July. He also states that "Major Pleas being taken sick about 14 days before our term of Inlistment Expired (July 31) & went home" and the abstract was not signed until it was sent to the major and that Major Place was still sick. Wyncoff gives no rank with his signature but he joined the Quartermaster General's Department and was an Assistant State Purchasing Agent for provisions and grain for the Continental Army. He acted in this capacity to the end of 1880, at least.
7. John Schutt was commissioned captain on June 25, 1778 as Captain Hill was commissioned major of Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff's Regiment on the same date. The following were listed as officers for this company: Francis Way as first lieutenant, William Swartwout as second lieutenant and Jacobus Swartwout as the ensign. The highest rank that James seems to have held in this company is as a corporal.
8. Brigadier General George Clinton became Governor in New York in 1777 as well as the commander-in-chief of its militia, Lewis Dubois was Colonel of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment, Philip VanCortlandt became colonel on November 21, 1776 of the Second Continental Regiment of New York and Brigadier James Clinton.