

Pension Application for Henry Shaff

S. 14437

State of New York
Ontario County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the County Court now sitting Henry Shaff, a resident of the town of Victor County and State aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st. At Cambridge, County of Washington and State of New York, the first year of the war in the month of July was called out in Captain Elias Golden's Company in Colonel Lewis VanWoort's Regiment, and was marched to Albany it being a false alarm, after drawing rations there returned home, and in about a month after was mustered again and marched to Saratoga. The report was that the Indians were near there, but saw no Indians and soon after was dismissed and returned home.

This was a frontier and subject to continued alarms.

2d. In the Spring of 1777 was ordered out in the Militia in Captain John Whiteside's Company in Colonel Van Worot's Regiment at Cambridge as aforesaid, was marched to Saratoga and then to Lake George and to Ticonderoga Landing and afterwards to Fort Edward, then to Salem, and then built a Fort at White Creek and after this to Tulls Mills on Hoosick River and was ordered on a scout by order of General fellows to watch the movements of General Burgoyne was then ordered to join the main army at Saratoga and was there when General Burgoyne capitulated and soon after this was discharged.

After this was out on various duty under Captain Taylor in Colonel Schoonhoven's Regiment so long as the war lasted. He always went out when called upon, but in consequence of the infirmities of age, he is unable to give the several dates or periods of his service.

He claims for one year's service in all. He knew General Schuyler and saw him often.

Has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Was born in October 29, 1752, in Somerset County, State of New Jersey. Has no record of his age. Knows Jesse Tuttle of Victor and Jacob Lampman of Canandaigua. Has lived at Saratoga and Herkimer and then at Sackett's Harbor, and from thence removed to Victor where he now lives and has lived for years past. He knows Allen Tuchins & Jacob Lampman. (Signed) Henry Shaff.

Sworn & Subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Allen Hutchins.