

Pension Application for George Sharp

R.9432

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this eighteenth day of January 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Troy, now in session George Sharp a resident of the Town of Greenbush in the County & State aforesaid aged eighty six 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein after stated, to Wit, that he entered the service in the fall of the year 1776, under his father Captain George Sharp (1), Lieutenants John Fonda & George Berringer and Ensign John Reilay in the first Company of the 6th Regiment of Infantry commanded by Stephen J. Schuyler, Lieutenant Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer (2) & Major Lane, and also a Major Fonda—entered and mustered at the City of Albany and were attached to and belonged to General TenBroeck's (3) brigade—That immediately after being so mustered the company were ordered and marched to Fort Ann in pursuance of such orders, that it was understood that the British were on their way down the Lake—remained at and about Fort Ann for several days and continued in the neighborhood for several weeks and returned to winter quarters in the month of November or beginning of December of the year aforesaid, and continued so in quarters until the month of March of the year 1777, when the reported news of the approach of the British we were again ordered, to the north, and arrived again at Fort Ann – were in that section of country until the retreat of the army to Saratoga, where this deponents, company was in the Battle of Saratoga (4) and the Capture of Burgoyne & his army—In the year 1778 deponent was again in the service and also in 1779 & 1781. All the time under Captain George Sharp as before mentioned—After the capture of Burgoyne, the services rendered by this deponent was upon calls [called] to suppress the maundering of Tories and Indians—and he is certain & positive that the services in duration were in the whole one year and upwards and is therefore willing and confident, that he was in the service one year—That he has no documentary evidence of his services.—And he further declares that the reason why he has not before made this application is because he felt, it his duty to refrain from asking or receiving charity as he considered himself beyond the reach of want and therefore the asking or taking a pension was not satisfactory to his feelings but having become convinced that his views in this particular more erroneous and his ability to provide for himself, becoming doubtful, he is now induced to ask for the relief, given to faithful soldiers who served their country in its greatest need—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except what may arise out of the present application having never before having asked for or received a pension. (Signed with his mark) George Sharp.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid by making his mark for the reason that he by old age & a loss of eyesight is unable to write. H. McMartin, one of the Justices of said Court.

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Peter Conker (5) being duly sworn before H. Frazer one of the Justices of the Peace in said county Deposeeth and saith that I know George Sharp and have known him always, I was 86 years old last January. I was a private soldier in the Malitia of this state all through the Revolution. George Sharp and myself served together in the same company commanded by George Sharp the father of George Sharp who is here present and we belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Scuyler [Schuyler] & Lieut. Col. H.K. VanRensselaer, George Sharp & myself was on duty together at Fort Ann the year before Burgoyne come from Canada and we was also together at Fort Edward when Burgoyne was on his march our troops Retreated before the Brittish army down the North River to Green Island near Lansingburgh as they avanced [advanced], and after Genl. Gates (6) come with his army we, George Sharp & myself was at Stillwater we was in the same company and served together again two years after at several places on the north river until the war closed, and further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) Peter Conker

Sworn & subscribed this 18th July 1844 before me. H. Frazer Justice of the peace.

End Notes—R.9432—George Sharp

1. Captain George Sharp, First Lieutenant John Fonda, Second Lieutenant George Banenger and Ensign John Biley were commissioned on May 28, 1778 in Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. In 1775 the field officers for the Sixth Albany were Stephen J. Schuyler as Colonel, Henry K. VanRensselaer as Lieutenant Colonel, Philip DeFreest as First Major, John J. Fonda as Second Major, Volkert Oothoudt as Adjutant and Jacob Van Alstyn as Quarter Master. On February 20, 1776, John J. Fonda was appointed first major and Floris Banker as Second Major. A Major Lane could not be found in this regiment.

3. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck.
4. The Second Battle of Saratoga was fought on October 7, 1777. TenBroeck's Brigade was part of this battle under Major General Benedict Arnold. Lieutenant-General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.
5. Peter served in Captain Sharp's Company and in Captain Samuel Shaw's Company in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.
6. Major General Horatio Gates of the Continental Army.