

Pension Application for Job Shearmon or Sherman

S.28874 Private, Captain Fonda, Col. Wemple

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the seventeenth day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Job Shearmon a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and state of New York, aged eighty five 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. That he enlisted as a volunteer minute man under Capt. John Mynderse in the City of Schenectady in the year 1775, that there was also another company of minute men in the said Town under Captain Jellis Fonda, the uniform of which was green coats (short) with yellow facings; and the uniforms of the company to which the declarer belonged was short blue coats with red facing and cuffs, that Col. Abm. Wemple commanded the Regiment of Schenectady Militia, and that Abraham Swits was the Major thereof, that the Lieutenants in the two uniform companies of minute man were Andrew N. Van Patten, Nicholas Yates, a Mr. Pemberton, a Mr. Lawrence Vroomans, and others whose names are not now recollected; that this declarer served on the expedition to Johnstown in Tryon (now Montgomery County) when Sir John Johnson was made prisoner with a number of his dependents—that in 1776 he went to Stillwater and enlisted whilst there under Capt. Tyrannus Collins, and marched to Ticonderoga and Fort George where he joined Col. Van Cortland's Regt and remained there and at Mountain Fort Independence until ordered back to Skeenesborough, and from thence to near Albany; where orders were received to march back to Fort George, and when winter set in he was discharged and returned to Schenectady. In 1777 in the spring he engaged under Capt. Gray of VanSchaick's Regiment and marched to Stillwater and the Declarer was in service at the time Burgoyne surrendered with his army, and remained in service until November of that year. That not long after this declarer took sick and continued so for better than a year. That the declarer can say with truth, that he was in the service of the United States for a period of two years and upwards.

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) Job Shearmon

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. G. Wasson, Clerk.

Job Sherman, the same person who hath made the within declaration by him sworn & subscribed, being now again on this 12th Decr 1832, sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that in the year 1775 in the expedition to Johnstown and in the barracks at Schenectady, he served for a term of three months that in 1776 when enlisted under Capt. Tyrannus Collins he marched to Stillwater &c as within mentioned and joined Col. VanCortland's Regiment and marched in manner as also within set forth and served for the term of six months, in 1777 he enlisted under Capt. Gray of VanSchaick's Regt and was marched to Stillwater and was in service with the army until Burgoyne surrendered and remained in service until the close of November of said year 1777 having in that year served seven months, that shortly after this declarer was taken sick and so remained until the expiration of the following 1778—when having recovered his health, and his time of service being expired, he went to New Scotland and followed his trade of tanner and Cursior—having during his enlistments and including his sickness been in the service for the period of twenty eight months. (Signed) Job Shearmon

Subscribed & sworn to on the day & year aforesaid. John G. Wasson Clk.

Letter in file dated August 3, 1932, written in response to a request for information.

You are furnished herewith the record of Job Shearmon of New York, a Revolutionary War soldier, which may be the soldier in whom you are interested, as you state in letter of June 19, 1932, that he lived near Albany, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.28874, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Job Shearmon, his personal signature was pennioned [sic]—Job Sherman.

He enlisted at Schenectady, New York, and served three months in 1775 in Captain John Mynderse's Company, Colonel Abraham Wemple's New York regiment. He served in 1776, six months in Captain Tyrannus Collins' company, Colonel VanCortland's New York regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1777, and served nineteen months in Captain Gray's company, Colonel Van Schaick's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 17, 1832, at which time he was living in Albany, New York, and was aged eighty-five years.

He died February 23, 1836.

The date and place of his birth are not given, nor are there any data as to his family.