

Pension Application for Adiel Sherwood

S.42281

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 11th day of August 1821, personally appeared before me, John Baker one of the Judges of the County Court in and for the said county next to be holden at Salem in said county on the last Tuesday of August instant being a court which proceeds according to the course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, having the power of fine and imprisonment and keeping a record of their proceedings Adiel Sherwood aged seventy one years resident in the town of Kingsbury in the said county who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows (to wit) from January 1776 to November next following as Lieut. in the company commanded by Capt. Henry [Oharey or O'Hara] in Col. Cornelius Wincop's [Wynkoop] (1) Regt and in the fall of 1776 he was appointed 1st Lieut. in Capt. John H. Wendel's (2) Company and Col. VanSchaick's 1st N.Y. Regt and continued to serve in s'd Regiment until the 16th of May 1780, as Lieut and was then appointed Captain in Col. Morris Graham's Regt (3) and served in said Regiment until the close of the war.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States of on [sic] the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intint there by so to diminish it as to bring my self within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule herein unto annexed and by me subscribed (to wit) 1 Table, 6 old chairs, 1 old Pot & Kettle, 2 dish Kettles, 1 Tea Kettle, 1 Pr Andirons, 1 shovel & tongs, 3 knives & forks, 6 plates, 1 Meat tub, 1 old one horse waggon, 1 old cutter, 6 fowls, 7 Geese, 2 hogs. (Signed) Adiel Sherwood (4)

And that he is in possession of 90 acres of land which he now occupies on sufferance the same being mortgaged for nine hundred Dollars and the time of redemption expired likewise chargable and laible to be sold for one other Debt of \$80 which said sums it is out of his power to pay or any part thereof and further the said property is not advertised on the above mortgage to be sold on the 3rd Tuesday in September next. (Signed Adiel Sherwood

And further that he is by occupation a farmer and arthritic cripple in consequence of Rheumatism and the dislocation of one hip which has never been reduced and has rendered him unable to walk for more than three years past except when supported by two crutches and that he is very much infirmed by age and has a wife Sarah Sherwood, aged sixty six years who has been entirely unable to labor for several years past and she is wholly dependent on him for support and that he is in reduced and indigent circumstances and unable to support him self and family except he has the aid of Public or Private Charity. (Signed) Adiel Sherwood

Subscribed and Sworn this day and date above before me, John Baker, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington.

Letter in file answering to a request for information, dated May 24, 1928.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.42281, it appears that Adiel Sherwood was commissioned March 1, 1776, as Lieutenant, served in Captain Henry O'Hara's Company, Colonel Cornelius Wynkoop's New York Regiment until November 1776 when commissioned First Lieutenant of Captain John H. Wendell's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Regiment, and served until discharged at his own request May 16, 1780.

He was commissioned July 1, 1780, Captain of a company in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York Levies, was taken prisoner at the surrender of Fort Anne October 10, 1780, and held in captivity at Isle Jesus, Lower Canada until September 1782 when released on parole.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818, while a resident of Kingsbury, Washington County, New York, aged sixty-eight years.

In 1821 he referred to his wife, Sarah, aged sixty-six years, and to numerous children, names not stated.

Articles of Capitulation agreed upon between Major Carleton Commanding a detachment of Troops from Canada & Capt. Sherwood Comm. of the Fort at Fort Anne—

Article 1st, The Troops are to deliver up their Arms to a detachment sent by Major Carleton in the Fort and Surrender themselves prisoners of Warr.

Article 2d, The Women and Children be sent home without any molestation.

(Signed) Adiel Sherwood Capt.

Wm. Johnston, Lieut 47 Reg.
Js. Richman Lieut 29th Regt.
Chs Carleton, Major 29th Regt &c &c
Fort Anne Oct 10th 1780.

End Notes—S.42281—Adiel Sherwood

1. Adiel was appointed first lieutenant on March 1, 1776, in Captain Henry O'Hara's Company in Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop's Fourth New York Continental Regiments.
2. Adiel was appointed first lieutenant on November 21, 1776 in Captain John H. Wendell's Seventh Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First Continental Regiments. He resigned on May 16, 1780 for family reasons. Adiel does not mention it but the First New York was in the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778 and he most likely took part in the battle.
3. Adiel was appointed Captain on July 1, 1780 in Colonel Morris Graham's Third Regiment of New York State Levies. He was taken prisoner along with most of his company at Fort Ann on October 10, 1780 by British forces under Major Christopher Carleton of the 29th Regiment of Foot.
4. Adiel had been appointed first lieutenant in Captain Asa Richardson's Company (Kingsbury District) in Colonel Dr. John William's First Regiment of Charlotte County Militia (present day Washington County) on September 29, 1775.