

Pension Application for Daniel Shields

W.2359 (Widow: Elizabeth. Married Daniel 16th of April 1811. In 1855, she was aged seventy two and a resident of the City of Albany. Daniel died 20th September 1835.)
B.L.Wt. 7827-100-1791

Private, Capt. Swartwout, Capt. George Sytez, Colonel Gansevoort and Colonel
VanSchaick
State of New York
County of Schenectady SS.

On this eleventh day of September 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for said county, personally appeared Daniel Shields aged fifty five years and upwards, resident in the City of Schenectady who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War. That he the said Daniel Shields inlisted 1780 as a private in a company commanded by Lieutenant Philip Conine (1) 3rd New York Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort. That he afterwards transferred to a company commanded by Capt George Sytez (2) in the first New York Regiment commanded by Col. VanSchaick in the service of the United States until the close of the war, when he was discharged from service [for] the State of New York when the army was disbanded, that he was at the taking of Cornwallis's army, (3) skirmishes &c & that he is in reduced circumstances poor indigent and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he [ha?] no other evidence now in his power of his said services, but what is annexed. (Signed) Daniel Shields

Sworn to and declared the day & year aforesaid. Simon A. Groot, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectady.

Land Bounty Warrant (4)
Daniels Shields, Private, New York Line
Warrant Numbers 7827 and 18-60-55
100 Acres
Issued November 11, 1791
Wt. 7828 to Samuel Broome, Assignee

End Notes—W.2359—Daniel Shields

1. Daniel was first mustered as a private for “during war” in Captain-Lieutenant Philip Conine’s Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort’s Third New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 47, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. On January 1, 1781, the First and Third New York Continental Regiments were Consolidated into a re-organized First New York. Colonel Goose VanSchaick who was the senior ranking Colonel of the New York Line remained in command of the First New York and Colonel Gansevoort retired from the Continental

service. Captain George Sytez and Daniel were transferred from the Third New York to the First New York and served to June of 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, Folder 14, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

3. The Yorktown, Virginia Campaign was from September 28, 1781 to October 19, 1781.

4. Daniel was granted 600 acres in Township 8 (Aurellius), Lot 75 on July 8, 1790. FROM: The Balloting Book and Other Documents Relating to The Military Bounty Lands, In the State of New York, Packard & VanBenthuisen, Albany, 1825, p. 33.