

Pension Application for Thomas Shirkey

S.42294

Private, Colonel Dubois, New York Line, 3 years.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred And eighteen, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Plea in and for the said County of Orange personally appeared Thomas Shirkey aged 76 years resident of the Town of Plattekill, Ulster County and State aforesaid to me personally known, 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 Thomas enlisted in the State of New York in the year 1775 in a company commanded by Capt. Elias Hasbrouck Regiment commanded by Colonel Wynkoop in the Brigade commanded by General James Clinton for the term of three months. That at the expiration of said term he enlisted at Montreal in Upper Canada in a company commanded by a Capt. Cooper in said Clintons Brigade for the term of six months—

That in the year 1776 he enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt. John Hasbrouk in Colonel Hardenburghs Regiment. That in the year aforesaid he enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Philip Bevier in Colonel Dubois's regiment for the term of three years at expiration of said term was discharge, which said discharge has been burnt by reason of his house taking fire and burning with its contents. That he was at the Battle of the taking Saint Johns in Upper Canada. That he was at the Siege of Quebeck under General Montgomery. Was at the Battle at Flatbush Long Island, and at White Plains in Westchester County, and at the Battle of Fort Montgomery and was with General Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians in the western part of this state.—and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that on the account of his extreme poverty being a charge to the aforesaid Town of Plattekill it is out of his power to offer any other evidence of his services. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Shirkey

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. A. Ross. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Orange County.

Southern District of New York Ulster County SS

On this fourth day of July 1820 personally Appeared in open Court of Common Pleas being a Court of Record in and for the said County of Ulster. The undersigned Thomas Shirkey who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare as follows to which viz, Thomas Shirkey Aged about seventy seven years resident in the Town of New Paltz in the said County of Ulster do on my oath declare that I enlisted for the term of six months about nine months previous to the Death of Ge'l Montgomery in the said Town of New Paltz in the company of [Chas?] Hasbrouck Capt in the Regiment commanded by Col Wynkoop in the line of the State of New York. That I continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of six months when being then at Montreal in Canada I again immediately enlisted in the company of Capt. Cooper for the term of six months in the line of the State of New York and proceeding from thence to Quebeck late in the fall I received a discharge the next spring at Quebec and then returned home after being at home about three months I again enlisted in the company of Capt. John Hasbrouck in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hardenburgh for the term of three months in the line of the State of New York when having served out the three months I returned home from White Plains and then again enlisted as a private in the Company of Capt. Phillip D. Bevins in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lewis Dubois and served three years under the said Phillip D. Bevins on the Continental Establishment when I was discharged at Basking Ridge in the State of New Jersey. That I was in the Battles of St. John, Quebec, Long Island, White Plains, At the storming and capture of Ft.

Montgomery and went [on] the western expedition and a Gen'l Sullivan—That my house was burnt about fifteen years ago and my discharge burnt with it and I do further swear that I am enlisted on the pension list roll of the New York agency as a pensioner of the Revolutionary Army and the number of my certificate is 16,675.

And I do further solemnly swear that I was a resident of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818. And that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of any property, having no property of any kind [?] excepting a chest and short bed, has an two old chairs and being supported as a pauper at this time by the Town of New Paltz that I once followed the occupation of a weaver but am now a cripple And have been so for near thirty years and am totally unable to keep myself my family consists only of a wife aged About sixty nine years who is also supported as a pauper and is a poor weak and unhealthy woman. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Shirkey

Sworn and declared in open court on the fourth day of July 1820 before me Lucas Elmendorf First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in And for the County of Ulster.

I Christopher Tappen Junior Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Ulster County in the state of New York do certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied form the originals on file in the office of said clerk and that it is the opinion of said court—that Thomas Shirkey is dependent on the aid of his country for support—and the total amount or value exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is three dollars. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court July 4th 1820 C. W. Tappan, Junr.