

Pension Application for Nathan Sherwood

W.17804 (Widow: Lucy)

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this 22d day of April in the year 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Genesee aforesaid personally appears Nathan Sherwood aged fifty nine years, resident in the Town of Bergen in the said County of Genesee, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of 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 Nathan Sherwood enlisted in the service of the United States on the 26th day of February in the year 1776 in Capt. Pelton's (1) Company in the 2d New York State Regiment commanded by Col. Philip Courtland that he continued in the service of the United States in the Regiment aforesaid until the seventh day of June 1783 (2) at which time the period of his enlistment expired, being enlisted for during the war only. That his discharge was signed by Gen'l Washington given at Snake Hill in the State of New York, that he was in the Battle of Saratoga (3) at the taking of Burgoyne and at YorkTown in Virginia at the taking of Earl Cornwallis, (4) and some other small skirmishes (5)—and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence, now in his possession of his said services—and that he never received any pension from the United States—

Sworn and declared before me the 22d day of April 1818. (Signed) Nathan Sherwood

James W. Stevens, Judge as aforesaid

Letter replying to an inquiry for information. Dated September 13, 1929.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.17804, it appears that Nathan Sherwood enlisted February 26, 1776 and served as a private in Captains Pelton's and Hallett's Companies, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment. He was at the capture of Burgoyne and surrender of Yorktown, and was discharged June 7, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1818, at which time he was living in Bergen, Genesee County, New York, aged fifty-nine years.

He died April 20, 1822, in Byron, New York.

The soldier married July 8, 1790, Lucy Hollister.

She was allowed pension on her application executed October 6, 1838, while a resident of Byron, New York, aged sixty-seven years.

She died February 12, 1849, at said Byron, leaving the following children: John; James N.; Ira; Anson; Jesse; Lucy, widow of Edmond Halley; Mary or Polly, wife of Seth Cook; Abigail, wife of Eleazer Everett.

In 1820 the following children were aged: Ira—Eighteen years, Lucy—Sixteen years, Polly—Fourteen years, Abigail—Twelve years, Anson—Twelve years, Anson—Nine years, Jesse—Six years.

End Notes—Nathan Sherwood—W.17804

1. Nathaniel or Nathan, enlisted as a private for "during war" on February 26, 1777 in Captain Benjamin Pelton's Company, Second Company, in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. In 1781, Nathaniel was assigned to Captain Jonathan Hallett's Company in the Second New York. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Rolls 68 and folders 7 and 30, National Archives Washington, D.C.
2. The Continental Army in 1782 and 1783 was encamped near Newburgh, New York at New Windsor. In June of 1783 the American Army was discharged at the New Windsor Cantonment. Part of this Military encampment is a New York State Historic Site called New Windsor Cantonment.
3. The Battles of Saratoga were fought on September 19, 1777 and October 7, 1777. General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.
4. The Yorktown, Virginia Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781, when Lord Cornwallis, surrendered his British Army.
5. The Second New York were in some other major battles far from being "small skirmishes", one of which was the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey which was fought on June 28, 1778. They were also part of the Generals John Sullivan and James Clinton Expedition against the Iroquois in Western New York in 1779. On examining the muster rolls for Captain Pelton's Company for 1778 and found for 1778 and found for June 1778 that Nathan was listed as sick Pennsylvania (Valley Forge) which would explain his not mentioning the Battle of Monmouth.