

Pension Application for John Shulp

S.28877

Private, Captain Faulkner, Col. Paulding

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this fourth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for said County of Orange now sitting John Shulp a resident of the town of Montgomery in said county of Orange and state aforesaid aged seventy two 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 at the time he entered the service he resided in said town and county and shortly before Fort Montgomery on the North River was taken by the English in the year 1777 as he believes he was ordered out by Captain Mattheas Felter (1) of said town and County to go to said Fort Montgomery that he went and served in the company commanded by Captain William Faulkner (2) till after said Fort was taken—that he was there at the time it was taken (3) and that said Capt Faulkner was wounded.

That he then returned home and in a few days was ordered out again and served at Newburgh and New Windsor in said County of Orange under Henricus Smith (4) a Lieutenant in said company commanded by Captain Felter and was engaged in guarding those places against the English who had after the taking of Fort Montgomery from up the North River to Kingston.

That in these two several tours of service he was out and in service about one month.

That in the year 1779 as he thinks he went out in the eight months service and served under said Captain William Faulkner in the Regiment commanded by Col. Paulding (5) & Maj. VanBenschoten (6)—that he first went with the company to Warwasink in the county of Ulster in said state on the frontiers—then to Hunk in said county and from thence to [Luskanora?] to join some troops who were there on an expedition to go further west (7)—that when he came there the troops had marched on and left word by a paper posted upon a tree that the troops with which he served might come on a return as they pleased—that they returned to Warwasink and from thence marched to Haverstraw in the State of New Jersey when he was discharged from service at the end of the eight months by Col. Paulding.

That in the summer of 1780 he served three months under Captain Drake (8) in the said Regiment commanded by Col. Paulding and Maj VanBenschoten—that he was taken by Cap Cristover (9) over to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and then delivered over to said Cap. Drake and after staying there a few days went with said Cap. Drakes Company to West Point—after staying there eight or ten days marched to Albany and laid there about eight days—from thence marched to Schenectady and remained there a few days—from thence marched to Fort Ranseller (10) near a place called Stone Robby and remained there for some time—and from there marched with a part of said Regiment to Fort Stanwix (11) and after remaining there a short time returned to Stone Robby and was there dismissed the service at the end of said three months by said Col. Paulding.

That the said discharges are lost and that he has no written evidence of his service except as herein after evidenced—and that the periods of his services are stated under certain years yet he is not certain of their accuracy and states them according to the best of his recollection.

That said Cap William Faulkner died within one year and that shortly before his death he called upon him to learn if he recollected his services in his company during the revolution—that said Cap Faulkner informed the applicant that he did remember the same and produced an original pay roll of the company in which the applicant served and that his name was written in said roll.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pensin roll of the agency of any state that he was born in the town of Montgomery in said county of Orange and ahs always resided there—has no record of his age and does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers and that Henry Crest, Christian Roat, of Montgomery can testify in his favour. (Signed with his mark) John Shulp

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dunmore, Clerk

End Notes—S.23877—John Shulp

1. Mathias Felter or Felton was the Captain of the Fourth Company, Hanover Precinct, in Colonel James McClaughrey's Regiment.
2. William Faulkner was the Captain of the Fifth Company, west side of Wallkill, in Colonel McClaughrey's Regiment.
3. Fort Montgomery was attacked and captured on October 6, 1777.
4. Henry Smith was the first lieutenant in Captain Felter's Company.

5. In April of 1779, Albert Pawling was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of one of two regiments of levies to be raised in New York. Captain Faulkner was appointed in April to serve in the regiment. His lieutenants were Levi DeWitt and Thomas Ostrander. **The October 1779 Pay Roll of Captain Faulkner's Company was transcribed so that a copy was included in John's pension application. The pay roll does contain John's name as serving as a private at a rate of pay of 6 1/3 dollars per month.**
6. Elias VanBenschoten was appointed Major to Pawling's Regiment on April 22, 1779.
7. They were supposed to join Major General John Sullivan's Army to attack the Iroquois Village in the western part of New York State in 1779.
8. Joshua Drake was appointed July 1, 1780 as a Captain in Colonel William Malcolm's Regiment of New York Levies. Major VanBenschoten was appointed to serve in Malcolm's Regiment. On Captain Drake's Muster Roll of the July & August 1780, John is listed as enlisting on July 25, 1780 as a private for 3 months. On the Muster Roll, September & October 1780, John is listed as deserting on Oct 16th. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 75, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
9. Possibly Ensign William Crist of Captain Felter's Company.
10. Colonel Malcolm arrived in late August at Fort Rensselaer in the Mohawk Valley.
11. On September 25, Captains Drake, Jonathan Lawrence and Lieutenants Cornelius Ackerson or Eckerson, and Peter TenBroeck transferred to Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies. On September 26, Colonel Malcolm with his regiment and Harper's Regiment marched for Fort Schuyler or Fort Stanwix, to relieve the First New York continental Regiment which had garrisoned that post since late November of 1778. Colonel Malcolm left Harper's Regiment at the fort under the command of Major James M. Hughes who had transferred from Colonel Lewis DuBois' Regiment of New York Levies to Harper's Regiment. Colonel Malcolm marched with his regiment towards the Highlands as word had been received of Major General Benedict Arnold's treason and defection to the enemy.