

Pension Application for Philip Shultis

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Dorcas Shultis, widow of above soldier, was pensioned as former widow of Samuel Walker, New York.
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Private, Captain Van Allen, Col. Livingston

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before John Palmer, First Judge, John Warford & James W. Wood, Judges of the Court of Common Plea of the County aforesaid new sitting Philip Sheltis a resident of Chazy in the County of Clinton and State of New York aged seventy six, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath maek the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he was born in a place called East camp in Livingstons Manor in the County of Columbia in the State of New York & where he lived when he was first called into service, that he was born in the year 1756, but has no record of his age. That since in the Revolutionary War he lived awhile with his father at the place of his nativity, from whence he removed to Kinderhook in the same state where he lived about three years & then removed to Highgate in the State of Vermont, where he has constantly resided until about two years since he removed to Chazy aforesaid, where he now lives.

That he first entered the service at the town of Eastcamp aforesaid in the New York Malitia in a company commanded by Captain Teal Rugerfellow, Lieutenant Philip Rugerfellow & a Regiment commanded by Col. Livingston, the year he said he cannot recollect but that it was before Burgoine was taken, that they first marched to Albany, from thence he marched to Fort Ann, on Wood Creek, this then was the frontier & their duty was to repel the attacks & the Indians had a skirmish with the Indians, that he was in this service something over two months, when [?] regular troops took their places & he with the company returned home.

That again when General Burgoine was [?] through the county, he again volunteered in the said Malitia of the State of New York, in this same company, and under the same officers, and in the same regiment, & marched to Saratoga and remained there and in that neighborhood until after Burgoine was taken, that he was then engaged in his capture, as far as the Malitia were wanted, & soon after returned home—that he was at this time in this service more than two months, but the precise time he does not recollect.

That in the year 1776 as he thinks, then was a draft of the Malitia for the term of Nine Months, that his Father David Shultis was drafted, and this deponent took his place as his substitute, that he entered a company commanded by Captain B, Van Allen Lieutenant Yarkoop, and Livingston's Regiment, recollects they marched in the fall of the year to West Point on the Hudson River, & were stationed at the upper fort, which at that time was commanded by General Washington—the regular troops were stationed near the water, don't recollect the names of officers, was azt that time unable to speak or understand the English language, being Dutch—that while he lay there, he went with a detachment on an expedition through the woods to a place called Walkkill in pursuit of Indians & Tories & were gone about ten days—that he wintered at West Point & in the neighborhood in the said service until the expiration of the Nine Months, and was discharged at West Point & returned home, got no written discharge as he recollects, has [??] – That the officers with whom he served and [?], that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state,--That he states

the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution viz, Matthew Lax, and William Willson. (Signed) Philip Shultis

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid in open court before me, Geo. M. Beckwith acting clerk of Clinton Com. Pleas

Letter dated December 13, 1924.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, Certificate No. 14395, it appears that Philip Shultis, son of David, was born in 1756 at Livingston Manor, Columbia County, New York.

While residing at said place, he enlisted in the fall of 1776 and served nine months in Captain Van Allen's Company, Colonel Livingston's New York Regiment.

Later he served four months in Captain Diell Rockafeller's Company, Colonel Livingston's Regiment, and was in the battle at Fort Anne and surrender of Burgoyne.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, while a resident of Chazy, Clinton County, New York. He died January 24, 1844 or January 4, 1845 at Highgate, Franklin county Vermont.

Soldier married in Highgate, Vermont, September 1803, Mrs. Dorcas Walker, widow of Samuel Walker, her maiden name was Tichout. In 1849, she was living in Ellenburgh, Franklin County, New York, aged eighty-two years.

The children of Philip Shultis and Dorcas are referred to, no names stated other than Hiram, their oldest son.

Philip's son; of soldier by former wife, her name is not mentioned was sixty-two years old in 1849 and a resident of Highgate, Vermont.