

Pension Application for John Sweet

R.10351 (Widow: Mary Albrow) Married July 25, 1775, at Beekman Dutchess County by the Rev. Mr. Waldo.. Sons Benjamin and Stephen. John successfully applied and receive a pension, Mary did not. John died Aug 11, 1836.

State of New York
Madison County SS.

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before James B. Eldridge, William K. Fuller, Sylvanus Sever, Elisha Randall & Baron K. Beckwith Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison in the State of New York now sitting John Sweet a resident of the Town of Smithfield in said county, aged seventy nine years on the eleventh day of March last, 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 names officer & served as herein stated.

In the month of May in the year 1776, at Bateman Town Dutchess County & State of New York, he volunteered in the service of the United [States] in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Benjamin Noxon, Lieutenant Martin Cornell & Ensign Joshua Carman in a Regiment commanded by Col. Humphrey, only one company of us consisting of about fifty men under the foregoing company officers were ordered to New York, he marched to Fishkill, then went board of a sloop & sailed to New York & remained there eleven weeks & quartered with them a part of the time in Maiden Lane above the City Hall—which at Maiden Lane, he was principally employed, in cutting fascines for the purpose of building fort, when not on guard.

After remaining at Maiden Lane for a number of weeks, he moved up to the upper end of the City & then kept guard in the [?] House, until he with the last of the company was dismissed. Our company then returned home to Dutchess County. While at Maiden Lane and the company commanded by one Capt. Luddington quartered in the same house with us—About one week after he returned from the City of New York as aforesaid & he thinks in the month of August in the year 1776 at Bateman town aforesaid, he enlisted for six months into a company of Rangers commanded by Capt. William Clark & Lieutenant Brit. The duty of the Company of Rangers was to take & disarm Tories & disaffected persons towards the government with which Dutchess County abounded in the forepart the Revolutionary War, our company consisted of fifty men & then was another company of Rangers from the Nine Partners commanded by Capt. Melancton Smith—The two companies did not range together but would occasionally meet in these excursions—our company ranged principally near the River & a little off from the river & we took many Tories and delivered them to the committee of Safety at Fishkill for trial. We also disarmed all disaffected person. Col. Luddington took a large number of Tories on the Fishkill Mountain & sent for our company of Rangers to take them & guard them—we conveyed them to Fishkill & put them under guard—our company kept [?] an old sloop at Poughkeepsie on a fine ship & we there help put on board of a Sloop the great chair what was carried down the river & put across it above the Highlands. Our company also went to Haverstraw bay while the British ship Asia lay there & we kept guard there we was to man the ship, that we could hear the crew holler on board “All’s well”—At the expiration of four months our company was dismissed at Haverstraw bay by our Captain & we then returned home, having served four out of the six months—He has no documentary evidence of his service & he knows of no person who can testify to his said services. He was born at North Kingston Rhode Island on the 11th day of March 1753 & a record of his age may be found among the records of that town. He was living at Bateman town when he was called into the service & since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Bateman town, Queman’s town, Albany County, Augusta, Oneida County NY & in Smithfield Madison County, his present place of residence. He never received any written discharge from the service—Doctor Granger Cook, Dwight Foster, John Jay Knox, Elder Moses are his neighbors &

can testify to his character for veracity & as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John Sweet
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. A. S. Sloan, Clk

Letter in file dated June 30, 1958 written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Sweet, of Dutchess County, New York, who you state, received a pension, having enlisted at Beekman, New York, whose wife was Mary Albro, and that two of his children were Benjamin and Stephen.

The record of John Sweet follows as found in the papers of pension claim, R.10351, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Sweet was born March 11, 1755, in North Kingston, Rhode Island; the names of his parents were not given.

While residing in "Bateman", evidently meant for Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, John Sweet volunteered in May, 1776, served as private in Captain Benjamin Noxon's company, Colonel Humphrey's New York regiment, marched to Fishkill, went on board a sloop and sailed to New York where he remained eleven weeks engaged in guarding, and in cutting fascines for the purpose of building a fort. He enlisted in August 1776, a week after he had returned home and served four months as private in Captain William Clark's company of rangers, Colonel Luddington's New York regiment.

After the Revolution, the soldier resided in "Bateman", Dutchess County, in "Quemenstown", evidently meant for Coeyman's, Albany County, Augusta in Oneida County, then in Smithfield, Madison County, all in the State of New York.

John Sweet was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, while a resident of Smithfield, Madison County, New York. He died there August 11, 1836.

John Sweet, while residing in Beekman, New York, married there July 25, 1775, Mary Albro. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

In 1837, soldier's widow, Mary Sweet, was living in Stockbridge, Madison County, New York.

No names in the claim were designated as those of children of John Sweet and his wife, Mary.

In 1837, one John A. Sweet, age not stated, made affidavit in Madison County, New York, his relationship to the soldier not shown.

In 1837, Benjamin Albro, brother of Mary Sweet, Soldier's wife was a resident of Union Vale, which was formerly Beekman, Dutchess County, New York.