

Pension Application for Lott Swift

W.19424 (Widow: Elizabeth) Lott died on August 10, 1840, Town of Barre, Orleans County, NY. Elizabeth stated she was 96 when she applied for pension March 23, 1855.

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State of New York

Orleans County SS.

On this 23d day of January 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Orleans aforesaid, now sitting at the court house in the Village of Albion in & for said County Lott Swift a resident of the Town of Barre in the County of Orleans and State of New York aged seventy five 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 provision made by 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 at Sandwich in the State of Massachusetts on the 13th day of March 1758. That he has no record of his age, that he was living at Amenia Precinct in Dutchess County State of New York when he entered the service of the United States as hereinafter mentioned and during the whole time of the Revolutionary War except when in service. That after the termination of the war he moved to Green River in Dutchess County and in 1814 moved to Scipio Cayuga County N. York and in 1829 moved to Henrietta Monroe County, new York and from there to Barre Orleans County where he now resides the same year. That the first time he entered the service of the United States was on the first of May 1776 as near as he can recollect that he enlisted as a fifer under Capt. Colby Chamberlain in Colonel Graham's Regiment of New York State Troops for one month, marched to Fishkill on the Hudson River and was stationed at that place, that he remained there in service one month and was discharged that he received no written discharge—that he does not recollect the name of any other regiment. That in September 1776 he enlisted again under Captain Wheeler in Colonel Graham's Regiment of New York State Troops as fifer for two months, marched to Peekskill and was stationed there remained in actual service this time two months and was discharged verbally. In January 1777 he enlisted again as fifer under Captain Colby Chamberlain in Colonel Graham's Regiment under General Scott for three months marched first to West Point or rather into the vicinity thereof where they had a skirmish with the enemy. General Heath took the command. Then marched down the river to Sing Sing and remained there till the time of his enlistment expired when he was discharged verbally. Served at this time three months. That in July 1777 he enlisted again as fifer under Captain William Chamberlain in Colonel Graham's Regiment of NY State Troops for three months service that they marched north to oppose Burgoyne's army. That they marched into the vicinity of Saratoga when General Gates had the Command that he was there till about two weeks before Burgoyne's surrender when he was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Half Moon where he remained in the hospital on the sick list till his time of enlistment had expired when he was discharged verbally. That he was in actual service during the Revolutionary War as above stated nine months that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to any of his said service that he has made enquiry but can not learn that any one who was with him in the service is living. That he is acquainted with Asa Spencer a Clergyman and Samuel Eddy & Edmond Harris in his neighborhood—who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby who can testify to his character for veracity and 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 and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Lott Swift.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid. A. B. Mills, Clerk

Letter in file dated December 25, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19424, that Lott Swift was born March 13, 1758, in Sandwich, Massachusetts.

While Residing in Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served as a fifer in Colonel Graham's New York regiment, as follows:

From May 1, 1776, one month, in Captain Colby Chamberlain's company; from September, 1776, two months, in Captain Wheeler's company; from January, 1777, three months, in Captain Colby Chamberlain's company and was in a skirmish near West Point; from July, 1777, three months, in Captain William Chamberlain's company.

After the Revolution he moved to Green River, Dutchess County, New York; in 1814 moved to Scipio, Cayuga County, New York; in 1829 to Henrietta, Monroe County, New York, and thence, to Barre, Orleans County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed January 23, 1834.

He died August 10, 1840, in Barre, New York.

The soldier married December 10, 1778, in Amenia, New York, Elizabeth Barlow.

She was allowed pension on her application executed February 19, 1841, at which time she was living in Barre, New York, and was aged eighty-one years and eleven months.

In 1855 she was living in Cambria, Niagara County, New York.

In 1841 their sons Moses B. and Henry, were both living in Barre, New York. Moses B. at that time was aged forty-seven years.