

Pension Application for Nicholas Schuyler

S.4665

B.L.Wt2115-400. Surgeon. Issued Apr. 29, 1791 to Robert Gilechrist, Assignee. No Papers
Surgeon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hazen of the Continental Line for the term of five years.
James L. Edwards Esq.

My Dear Sir.

On behalf of the representatives of Nicholas Schuyler late a surgeon in the Army of the Revolution I am requesting to state that a pension certificate at the rate of twenty dollars per month to commence on the twenty first day of September 1819 & was found under date the 21 day of October 1819, duly signed by Mr. Calhoun then Secretary at War and sealed with the seal of office this certificate has been shown to me for the purpose of enabling to Authenticate to these statement which I now do. They further state that they have applied at New York and in this City for the purpose of receiving payment until the death of Dr. Schuyler and have been told that his name has just been returned by the Department for payment—Will you do us the favor to inform me for their use what information the records of the office can furnish in this matter and oblige. Very respectfully, Your ob't Servant. G. Haming. Albany 8 June 1835.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

Nicholas Schuyler of the City of Troy being duly sworn doth depose & say—that in the year 1775 he was (1) appointed a surgeon's mate in the General Hospital in the Northern Department then under the direction of the late Doctor Samuel Stringer of Albany with whom this deponent was then a Student that this deponent faithfully served in that capacity in said Hospital until April 1777 when Doctor Jonathan Potts (2) took the Direction [sic Director] of said Hospital immediately after which to wit on the first and twentieth days of April in said year last mentioned this deponent respectfully received the appointment of Mate, Second Surgeon in which capacity he served until the spring of the year 1778 when he was appointed Surgeon to Colonel Hazen's Regiment (3) of four battalions in which capacity he continued to serve & was duly mustered until the American Army was disbanded in the year 1783—That the only documents which this deponent possesses reflecting his appointments to discharge of the duties of the before mentioned places are hereto annexed—and this deponent further saith that he was sixty four years of age in June 1819 and is so far reduced in his circumstances as to stand in need of said from his country of his comfortable support. (Signed) N. Schuyler

Sworn this 21st day of Sep? 1819 before me David Buel Jun. Judge of [?] in County Common Pleas.

To Doctor Nicholas Schuyler

I hereby constitute & appoint you a mate in the General Hospital of the Northern Department & you are strictly enjoined & required to do & perform all such duties as ascertain to your station & that may from time to time be requested of you by the Director or a Senior Surgeon.

Given under my hand at the City of Albany this first day of April 1777, Jon'n Potts, Director Gen'l M.D.

No. 1

Albany April 11th 1777

Sir

I have ordered a Medicine Chest to be put up for the use of Colonel Gansevoorts (4) Regiment you will therefore take charge of it & attend said Regiment to Fort Schuyler, pay particular attention to the sick & let them want nothing in your power for their [?]. When the Regimental Surgeon joins the Garrison, you are to return & bring the Medicine with you unless the Surgeon is unfurnished & you will then remain in Albany & take charge of the Hospital there or repair to Ticonderogo as your services maybe most wanted.—

I am your friend &c Jon'n Potts D. Director North Dpt.

[on reverse side] No 2 11th April 1777. Doct'r Nicholas Schuyler

Jonathan Potts Esqr.
Deputy, Director General of
The Hospital in the Northern Department
To Nicholas Schuyler Esqr.

Sir

Being well assured of your Patriotism Integrity and ability I do by Virtue of the Powers vested in me by the Honourable Continental Congress appoint you to be a Second Surgeon in the General Hospital and to Observe and Comply with all such Orders as you may receive from the Honourable Continental Congress his Excellency the

Commander in Chief of the Northern Department, the Director or the Deputy Director General of the Hospital in the Northern Department. This Warrant to Continue in force until Repealed by any of the Powers aforesaid.

Given under my Hand at the General Hospital at Albany this 20th April 1777. Jon'n Potts

Mount Independence (5) July 4th 1777

Sir

Doct'r Potts desires you will take charge of the two Men Infected with the small Pox at McDonnals Tomorrow Morning & proceed with them to Skenesborough (6) & convey them into the House provided by Doct'r Vickers. (7) You will do every thing in your power to prevent the Infection from spreading.

The Commanding officer will assist you. You must take care of all the sick soldiers at that post let them want for nothing you can afford. The Commissary there will supply you with everything in his power to make the sick comfortable. Capt Whitman will deliver you 12 lbs of chocolate, 6 lbs of Coffee, 12 lbs of brown sugar & 6 lbs of loaf sugar which you will distribute at Discretion. Doct'r Craigie (8) will supply you with such Medicine as you think necessary. You will stay there until further orders to make frequent Returns of the sick & let your wants be known to Doct'r Potts.

By Order of Dr Jon'n Potts D G

To

Doct'r N. Schuyler

[On Reverse Side]

Doct'r Schuyler

No. 4

4th July 1777

Note on this Tour of Duty I lost every Article of Cloathing I was possed of [?] with some what I had was on my back—For the Morning after I left the Gen Hospital on Mount Independence—[opposite Ticonderoga] Genl St. Clair (10) retreated with the American Army to Skeensborough & all my baggage was left behind.

NS

Albany 14th June 1781

I do hereby certify that Nicholas Schuyler was appointed Surgeon to Col. Hazens Regt the first of June 1778-- & has acted in that capacity to this date. Edw'd Antill Lt Col. (11)

To the Auditors of

Acct'ng for the State

of New York

No.6

There is no date on this paper but Nicholas apparently wrote this in preparation for his pension application.

From the time I joined this Regt to wit from June 1778 to Nov'r 1783—I saved the Public the pay & Rations of two Mates which were the Establishment & [at] 80 Dollars pr Month and four Rations a day for both. As I did all the duty with the trifling aid of an Invalid Soldier who I taught to dress old sores & distribute the medicines after I made them up & wrote the directions how to be taken—in my Regimental Hospital—which I always Kept up when practicable as the Muster Rolls if any were saved will shew (12)

End Notes—S.4665—Nicholas Schuyler

1. Samuel Stringer was appointed September 14, 1775 Director of Hospital and Chief Physician of the Northern Department.
2. Jonathan Potts was appointed Deputy Director General of Hospital on April 11, 1777.
3. Moses Hazen was appointed Colonel of the Second Canadian Continental Regiment on January 22, 1776. He was appointed Brigadier General on June 29, 1781. FROM: Pay Roll of the Field and Staff of Colonel Moses Hazen's Regiment with an Abstract of Pay due to said Regiment – For the Month of July 1778". Nich Schuyler Surgeon Pay & Subsistence £ 90 per month pd £ 33. . 15 Timotheus Duffee Mate £ 50 per month pd £ 18 . . 15. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 131, Folder 194, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Colonel Peter Gansevoort of the Third New York Continental Regiment.
5. Mount Independence, Vermont. The American Camp and the Hospital was on the opposite side of Lake Champlain from Fort Ticonderoga, New York. Mount Independence is a Vermont State Historic Site and open to the public.
6. Skenesborough is now Whitehall, New York.

7. Probably Doctor Samuel Vickers who is listed as a Junior Surgeon in the Northern Department's Return at Albany on March 20, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 135, folder 3, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
8. Doctor Andrew Craigie.
9. Robert Johnson is listed on the March 20, 1780 return as: Sen'r Surg'n & A.D.D. absent. A.D.D. is Assistant Deputy Director.
10. Arthur St. Clair was appointed Major-General on February 19, 1777.
11. Edward Antill was appointed the Lieutenant-Colonel of Hazen's Regiment on January 22, 1776. About a week later in June of 1781 Hazen's Regiment left Albany and marched to Caughnawaga in Tryon County where they encamped for about two weeks.
12. According to page 248, Documents Relating to the Colonel History of the State of New York, ed. Bertold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol. 1, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, 1887, Nicholas was the oldest son of Harmanus and Cousin of Major General Philip Schuyler. Nicholas had filed a petition, Assembly Papers, A.P. 15-236.