

Pension Application for Nicholas Sharts

S.23905

Private, Capt. Fonda, Col. Livingston, NY Troops.

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this eighth day of September AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas County of Columbia, now sitting Nicholas Sharts a resident of the town of Hillsdale in the County of Columbia and State of New York who will be seventy five years of age the Twenty Fourth day of December next, now aged seventy four 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 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six while this deponent was then a resident of Hillsdale where he now resides, being then in his eighteenth year, he volunteered under Captain Abraham Fonda, in the Malitia, Van Renssellear was then colonel, that this deponent together with the company of Captain Fonda marched to Albany where they remained Four weeks, on active duty. Thinks that this service was done in the month of April 1776, when deponent went to Albany they went through the (now town) of Clavarack, Kinderhook, Stuyvesant, Schodack & Greenbush, that deponent & the rest of his company remained at Greenbush in the now County of Renselaer was then County of Albany.

And deponent further says that in the month of May 1778, deponent was drafted, and served under captain Isaac Vosburgh and was discharged in the month of July 1776. That this last mentioned service was done between the House of Hoofman in the Town of Clavarack and the Massachusetts line a distance of six or 8 miles. That this service was performed in the night time and the object or principal object was to pursue the Torys from carrying Flour & Grain out of the State of New York. That Thomas Eurto was Lieutenant, that among the drafted was Andries Sharts now dead, Abraham Spour now dead, Nichoals Breser, Cornelius Breser, John White, John Rogers, Dquire Pixley, and William Pixley. That the above named persons are all dead & that all this service was performed in the now County of Columbia & State of New York, and further Deponent says that one the 1st day of October 1776, Deponent volunteered under Captain Philips (cannot recollect his given name) that among the company was Peter White, Andries Sharts, Matthew Eurto and John White (now all dead), that deponent then resided in Hillsdale aforesaid, & commenced the march on the 1st of October 1776 & marched through Livingston Manor and through Red Hook in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York to a place then called the [?] Bertuens that his Lieutenant's name was Miller, cannot tell his given name. That the object of their march was principally to take charge of prisoners there at the New Partners, that they took nearly three hundred, & marched then through Salsbury in the State of Connecticut, from thence to Molfield from thence to [?]field thence to Woodworth Village & thence to Exeter in theState of Massachusetts, on arriving at Exeter deponent was discharged, together with the [?] about the last of November in the same year that his term of service was seven weeks from the time deponent left his residence at Hillsdale until he this deponent returned home, and deponent further says that on the 1st day of March 1888, this deponent while at Hillsdale, that during the whole aforesaid enlisted for American War in the company with John McFarland, William Ward, Jacob Pulver, Uriah White, Robert Hasaback & Derick Briser under Captain Peter Van Renselaer, John Ostrander Lieutenant, John Jacobs Corporal, Halsapple was Sergeant, James Livingston was colonel & his brother Philip was Lieutenant Colonel. That in the month of March, deponent and company marched to Albany from thence to Johnstown where Deponent and company joined the Regiment on the 8th May from there to Fort Stanix [Stanwix] forty miles from the German Flats, the British then had left. Deponent went in company with the Indians and they went [?] on a scouting part. They was gone eighteen days & four days without provisions before they returned to the Fort, after deponent & part returned, Deponent & his Regiment

together with Cortlandts, VanSchaacks, Regiments came down to Stillwater this deponent remained until the seventeenth of October when Burgoyne was taken deponent was in the Battle & fought by the side of John Jacobs, Uriah White, Hezekiah Patterson, Halsapple, Peter Chistee, James Barrett, John McFarland, now all dead but said Uriah White who is now living & who[se] affidavit accompanies deponents [whole sentence inserted, too light to read] deponents. The battle lasted four or five hours. That dependant also witnessed the 1st battle at Stillwater but was the searching party at the time, after Burgoyne was given up deponent marched to German Flats to [?] with the Regiment of James [?] when deponent was stationed for winter quarters and remained there until in February 1778 when deponents father sent a substitute by the name of Andruis Kumbrick a German one of Burgoyne's men that then left the Army returned home, Kumbrick served in deponent's place until peace was declared & said substitute honorably discharged. Depoennt was also discharged when said Kumbrick deponents place as a substitute, deponent further says that he never received any written discharge at all, nor he never received any money at all for all the services aforesaid was the sum of ten dollars Continental Money and that from the time deponent was engaged in this last mentioned service was about eleven months.

The he has no record of his age except the entry of his birth & the time of his birth in his Father's family Bible which bible is not in the deponents possession.

That since the Revolution he has resided in Hillsdale in the County of Columbia & State of New York.

That the name of the neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity & their believe as to his service in the Revolutionary War. Able Brown a clergyman, Henry Soop, William Scull, John Jones, Russel G. Door, [?] Albin, Andries Sharts and John Pixley.

That he hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Sharts.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me. John D. Parker, Clerk