

Pension Application for Jesse Sherman or Shearman

R.9452

State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield

Probate District of New Milford SS.

On this 28th day of May AD 1835, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate for said District now sitting at Sherman in said District & County Jesse Sherman a resident of said Town of Sherman aged seventy six years the 25th day of December 1834 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of June (as he verily believes) in the year 1775—with Capt. Jesse Saunders and served in the Regiment commanded by Col. Sargent of the Massachusetts line under the following named officers—he enlisted for the term of nine months at New [Sevony?] in Massachusetts at which time he resided in Dartmouth in the County of Bristol & State of Massachusetts—during this term of his enlistment he served in Boston and in that vicinity—his term of enlistment expired [service?] he enlisted again for the term of three years in the spring of 1777 under Capt. Chas. Graham in the 2d Regiment of the New York Line under the command of Col. Philip Courtland & served under Lieut. James Nottingham Ensign James Farley, Genl Poor—He remained at Peekskill; Fishkill & other places on the Hudson River till he went on to meet Genl Burgoyne's Army and was in the battle at the time of his surrender in October 1777 and from thence he marched to Fishkill where he remained through the winter of 1777 & 1778.

In the spring of 1778 he marched to New Jersey and was at Morristown and in the Battle at Monmouth in the month of June 1778 and remained in New Jersey & the southern part of the State of New York during the summer & fall of that year & took up winter quarters at Morristown & Valley Forge, during the winter of 1778 & 1779. In the spring of the year 1779 he marched with Genl Sullivan within about 25 miles of Niagara Falls & there had a battle with the Indians & Sixteen of the men in the company with him were killed. This campaign lasted during the summer & fall & from thence he returned to a place [Miembauens?] west of the Hudson River nearly opposite Poughkeepsie at which place he remained through the winter of 1779 & 1780 at which place he left the service in the spring of 1780. His term of service for which he enlisted having expired—He had no written discharge but was honorably dismissed.

He was born at Dartmouth in the State of Mass Dec'r 25, 1758. He has no record of his age unless it be at Dartmouth & does not know that there is any record there—he has lived in this town about 45 years—he has no documentary evidence of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jesse Sherman.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Nathaniel Perry, Judge of the Court of Probate for s'd District.