

### Pension Application for James Sherwood or Sharwood

W.24935 (Widow: Sarah)  
State of New York  
Steuben County SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said County, James Sherwood, aged sixty five years last March, resident of the town of Pulteney, in the above state and County, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war, in the Continental Establishment and enlisted under Capt. Benj'm Pelton, (1) Philip VanCourtland Regiment, the Second Captain that I was under the command of, French – the 3d Capt. Jonathan Follet (2) from Long Island the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment & the New York line, of the Revolutionary Army, and that the original declaration was made the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand eight hundred & eighteen; the number of the pension certificate 4170—and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provision of an act of congress, entitled "an act to provide for persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary War", passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818; and I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed.

As for Real Estate I have none.

Personal, 1 Cow \$20—3 small hogs \$4—1 chest \$1—1 Table \$1—1 pot \$1—1 spider \$1—1 Tea Kettle \$.50—2 axes \$4.00 other articles of rough lumber \$4.00 amounting in all to \$36.50—

My occupation is a farmer, but old age and infirmities, render me incapable of doing but a very little labour; Sarah my wife is 58 years old next August, but able to do but a little work my daughter Temperance is 22 years of age and since she was fourteen years of age she has been a heavy expense on accounts of fits, and continuous subject to fits until this date—I enlisted into the service in the year of 1775 under Capt. Griffin (3) to go to St. Johns and was gone about four months and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> enlisted under Capt. Joshua Barnum (4) the 3<sup>rd</sup> enlisted under Capt. Bellar for nine months 4 weeks, enlisted under Capt. Hicocks (5) 2 months—

I enlisted into the regular service for during the war, in the last days of February or the first day of March 1777, and then remained in the service until 1783, and then received my discharge at Snake's Hill on Hudson River; I have been in 5 of the smartest engagements (6) that was fought during the war—

And this deponent further saith, that he was placed upon the pension list on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1818; that his certificate of the same bears date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818, and is numbered (1170). (Signed) James Sherwood.

Subscribed and Sworn this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820 before me. E. Howell, Clerk of Steuben Com. Pleas.

State of New York  
Orange County SS.

James Sharwood of the Town Pultney in the County of Steuben and State of New York, being by me duly sworn deposed and saith that he is now a citizen of the United States and that he enlisted as a private soldier about the last of February or first of March in the year 1777 in Capt. Benjamin Pelton's Company in Col. Philip VanCortlandt's Regiment, it being the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment, and was mustered at FishKill in Dutchess County in the State of New York—and served in said Company about one year, the company was—then commanded by Capt. French and afterwards the said company was commanded by Capt. Jonathan Hollet, with whom I served until the end of the war and was discharged at Snake-Hill in the Town of New Windsor in Orange County but at that time in Ulster County, and State of New York, and received a Discharge signed by Gen. George Washington, which said discharge this deponent left in the hands—of one Thomas Brush of the State of Connecticut and the said Thomas Brush has since moved to the State of Vermont, and that it is out of the power of this deponent to procure said Discharge, this deponent further saith that he left the said discharge in the hands of the said Thomas Brush with an expectation of selling him his bounty lands—and this deponent further saith that he served his country in the service aforesaid, against the common enemy and that this deponent is in such indigent circumstances as to require Assistance or support from his country and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Thomas Sherwood

Sworn before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818, James Finch Jun. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Orange County, NY

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows.

State of New York  
Steuben County SS.

On this 16 day of October 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Steuben County, being a court of record, & now sitting Mrs. Sarah Sherwood a resident of the Town of Pulteney in said County of Steuben aged 77 years the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August last past who being first duly sworn doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows [?] That she is the widow of James Sherwood who was a private in the New York Line of the Revolutionary Army that her late husband the said James drew a pension from the United States under the act of March 18, 1818 by a certificate now in her possession given [by] the war office July 16, 1818 No. 1170 commencing April 16, 1818 at \$8. per month.

She further declares that she was married to the said James Sherwood on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1783 at the house of a married sister, Eunice Day then living in New Fairfield Connecticut just across the New York State line from the Town of [Southmore?] the Dutchess Co. NY by a Presbyterian Minister of the name of [?]

That her husband the said James Sherwood died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May last in the town of Poulteney Steuben County [?]

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1794 namely at the time & place aforesaid—that she was never married to any other person & her always him her said husband doth & still remains his widow—That she does not now know of any other proof except what is herewith transmitted of her marriage. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Sherwood.

Sworn to Subscriber in open court before the Judges thereof on the day & year above written as witness my hand & seal of office of both in said county. Wm. H. Bull Clerk of Steuben County

End Notes—James Sherwood—W.24935

1. James enlisted as a private on February 17, 1777 for "during war" in Captain Benjamin Pelton's Company (Second Company) in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. He was promoted to Corporal in Pelton's Company on August 21, 1777. On March 18, 1778 Captain Pelton resigned and First Lieutenant Abner French commanded the company. On June 1, 1778, Lieutenant Abner was promoted to Captain and commanded the Light Infantry Company in the Second New York. The Second Company now became the Lieutenant-Colonel's Company. The Second New York had 3 different Lieutenants-Colonels, Frederick Weisenfels, November 21, 1776 to May 1, 1779, Pierre Regnier deRoussi June 28, 1779 to March 29, 1780 and Robert Cochran (Cochrane) March 30, 1780 to June 1783. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 68, Folder 30, National Archives, Washington D.C.
2. In 1781, James was in Captain Jonathan Hallett's Company in the Second New York. FROM: Roll 68, Folder 27.
3. Captain Daniel Griffing in Colonel James Clinton's Third New York Continental Regiment of 1775. The muster roll dated at Camp Fort George the 25<sup>th</sup> of Octob'r 1775 lists James as a private and having enlisted on July 10, 1775. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 38, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Joshua Barnum Jr. was a captain in the Second Regiment of Dutchess County, Minute Men commanded by Colonel Jacobus Swartwout.
5. Unable to determine who Captains Bellar and Hicock's were.
6. The Second New York was in several engagements such as the Battles of Saratoga, fought on September 19 and October 7, 1777; The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, fought on June 28, 1778; The Battle of Newtown, New York which is present day Elmira, NY, on August 29, 1779; and The Yorktown, Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.