

Pension Application for Christopher Moyer

W.17176

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this fifth day of June in the year, of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Schoharie, now sitting, Christopher Moyer of the town of Sharon in the county of Schoharie and State of New York aged eighty two years and eleven months 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 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.

That in the month of November 1776 he was draughted in to Captain Sharps (1) company in Colonel Van Rensselaer's (2) regiment at Green bush in the County of Rensselaer and State aforesaid where this deponent then lived, that he Joined the company there and marched to Jasons [Jessups] Patent and from there to Fort Ann now in Washington County in said State, they were employed there in building a bridge or cause way a few miles from Fort Ann. They then returned to Fort Edward and lay there a short time and he was discharged there in the month of December that he was in the service at that time one month besides the bigger part of three days which it took him to return home in.

That Again on or about the 25th day of June 1777, he was called into the service at Greenbush aforesaid in the same company and regiment, and marched to Fort Edward and lay there a few days they then marched to Fort Ann (3) That they had an engagement with part of Burgoyne's (4) army that the enemy were too powerful for them and they retreated to Fort Edward after remaining there two days he was sent with others to Lake George to bring away some Stores of Ammunition provisions &c. That he remained in the Service One Month and then hired a substitute to take his place and was then discharged at Fort Edward and returned home.

Again in the month of June 1778 he was called into in the same company and marched from Greenbush with part of Col. Van Rensselaer's regiment under command of Col. Banker (5) to Saratoga he was in the service that time, one month was then returned and discharged at Saratoga aforesaid in July.

That in the month of August of the same year he was again called into the service in captain Sharps company in Col. Van Rensselaer's regiment that he marched to Saratoga with the company to relieve those who had before relieved them, that he continued in the service at that time twenty one days including two days in which he was returning that he was discharged at Saratoga aforesaid.

That in the month of October in the same year the whole regiment, aforesaid, was called out and that he among the rest was called out in Captain Sharps company that they marched from Greenbush to Saratoga that he was in the service at that time fifteen days including two days returning [home] that he was discharged at Saratoga aforesaid.

That in the year 1779, Col. Van Rensselaer's regiment was divided into three parts or a certain portion of the regiment was divided, and each division had to draw to see which should go first, he drew to go in the second division and accordingly went in the month of June in Captain Sharps company with the troops to Old Schoharie and was stationed at the Upper Fort in that town that he was in the service at that time twenty six days including two days in returning home, was discharged at the Fort aforesaid—That in September of the same year his turn came again to go and he accordingly went in the company of Captain Sharp To the same Fort in Schoharie that he was in the service at that time twenty four days besides two days in returning home, he was discharged at the fort aforesaid.

That in the year 1780, in the month of September he was ordered into the service again in Captain Sharps company in Col. Van Rensselaer's Regiment, he joined the company at Green bush aforesaid and marched with the regiment to Albany. And from there to Schenectady, and from there to Tripes Hill, and from there to a place called the Nose, and from there to Fort Plain in Montgomery County, that he was in the service at that time a half month including three days in returning home, that he was discharged at the place last aforesaid.

That again in the month of November 1781, He was called in to the service in the same company and regiment that he marched with the troops from Greenbush to Still Water where he was discharged, was in the service at that time fifteen days or there abouts.

That in the fall of the year 1782, He was again called into the service at Greenbush aforesaid in the same company and regiment, that they marched to Albany, then to Lansingsburgh, then to Half Moon, from there to Iron Hill, there they had a small skirmish, had one man killed and one wounded, from there they went back to half Moon and from Half Moon they marched to New Town, and from there they went to Niskauna, [Niskayuna] and from there went to Schenectady where he was discharged. He was in the Service at that time twenty eight or thirty days, he thinks about thirty days.

To the particular interrogatories of the Court he answered, that he was born in Germany, in the year 1750, according to the information he received from his parents, that he was about two years old when he came to this country as he has been informed. That he had a writing at home in the German language which States that he was born in the year 1750, which is all the record of his age that he knows of. That he was living at a place called Greenbush, in the county of Rensselaer, in the State of New York, when he was called into the service. That the next year after the War terminated he removed to Schoharie, now county of Schoharie and State aforesaid. That he lived there seven years and then removed to a place now called Sharon in the same county where he had lived ever since and now lives. That the first time he was called into the service as stated in his declaration.

That he does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served nor does he recollect any thing in particular about the continental and militia regiment where he served more than what he has stated.

There was a number of Regiments at Saratoga the time they had the engagement with some of Burgoyne's Troops, but the names of the commanders he does not know. And as to the general circumstances of his Services he does not now think of any thing in particular more than what he has stated in his declaration. He further says he never received a written discharge. That he is acquainted with the following persons, in his present neighbourhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. To wit, Caleb Beakley, Elisha Person, Henry Frank and others that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person excepting those whose affidavits he has procured, who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. N.B. in the 25 line from the top of the sworn page, the words "in the month of June" was interlined. (Signed with his mark) Christopher Moyer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before me
John Gebhard Jr. Clerk.

Part of letter included in pension application folder.

Christopher Moyer

S.1119

Certificate #20506

The data following in regard to Christopher Moyer were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.1119, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Christopher Moyer was born in 1750 in Germany and when two years old came to this country. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, Christopher Moyer enlisted in November, 1776, and served at various times until the fall of 1782, amounting to seven months twenty-four days, as private in Captain Sharp's company, Colonels Van Rensselaer's and Banker's New York regiments. One Cornelius Myer (relationship not stated) served with Christopher part of the time. During his service he was in the battles of Fort Ann and Iron Hill and was discharged at Schenectady, New York.

The next year after the close of the Revolutionary War, the soldier moved to Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York, where he remained seven years, thence to Sharon in the same county, and while a resident of Sharon was allowed pension on his application executed June 5, 1833.

No reference was made in the claim to wife or children of Christopher Moyer.

End Notes—W.17176—Christopher Moyer

1. Captain George Sharp of Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Captain Sharp was commissioned captain on May 28, 1778. Also commissioned officers on that date in the same company were John Fonda as the first Lieutenant, George Barrenger, or Berringer, or Barringer, as

the second lieutenant and John Biley (also written as Riley, Ryley, etc., as the ensign.

2. Henry K. VanRensselaer was the lieutenant colonel of Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.
3. Christopher is referring to the Battle of fort Ann fought on July 8, 1777. VanRensselaer had a detachment of about 400 men marched out of the fort and attacked the 9th Regiment of Foot commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Hill. The battle lasted until the American heard a war hoop from what they thought were Indian reinforcements for the British and the Americans retreated back into the fort. In the battle VanRensselaer had been wounded.
4. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne.
5. Second Major Floris Banker of Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.