

Pension Application for Cornelius Myers

R.7537 (wife Eleanor)
State of New York
County of Rensselaer SS

On this second day of January 1833 personally Appeared in open court before Daniel Gardinier Esquire, Recorder in & for the City of Troy, in the Mayors Court of said City being now in session, Cornelius Myers, a resident of Lansingburgh in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to the 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 in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight in the month of June under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. To wit, That I entered as a private in a company commanded by Capt. George Sharp (1) in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Stephen Schuler. Went to Albany & was there furnished with arms, marched thence to Schoharie and continued there one month. When I was discharged and returned home. In the year seventeen hundred & seventy eight on or about the 1st of Sept I was ordered out by Capt. George Sharp started from Albany. John Fonda (2) was Lieutenant & Stephen Schuler, Col. went to Schenectady and from thence to Stone Arabia and continued there until the expiration of Three months. In the year seventeen hundred & seventy nine, in the month of June was ordered out by Capt. George Sharp, John Fonda, Lieut., Hue McMannus (3) Ensign, Henry K. Van Rensselaer (4) was Col. Started from Albany Capt. Neal McClean (5), took command of the company and marched to Schenectady from thence to several small picket forts on the rout to fort from where I was discharged which term of service took about three months in the same year & a few days after my return I was ordered out against in the month of October under the same officers excepting that George Sharp took the command of the company. Started from Capt George Sharps in Greenbush marched through Lansingburgh from thence to half moon across the north river to fort Edward and continued there until I was discharged which was two months. In the year seventeen hundred & eighty in the month of June or July, went on an Expedition under Capt Shaw, (6) Lieut. John Fonda to a place called the beaver dam & brought down about one hundred and fifty Tories, this service took about three weeks.

Same year in the month of October was ordered out under Capt. George Sharp, John Fonda Lieut, and marched to Saratoga and lay on the east side of the north river and continued there three week[s] when I was discharged shortly after my return from Saratoga and in the month of Nov. Started under the same officers last mentioned from Albany up to Lansingburgh and laid there a few days, marched from there to half moon same night recrossed the river & went to [?] town returned the next day and crossed the river at the same place & from thence marched to Schenectady and where [were] discharged this term of service took three weeks. In the year seventeen hundred & eighty one started from Greenbush under the same officer to Stillwater and continued there about three weeks, or more afterwards served as a guard in the Town of Greenbush for the term of three month or more every other night then ended my service in the revolutionary war.

1. I was born in the town of Greenbush, on the 9th of Sept 1760.
2. Has had record of his age, but it has been destroyed, I believe that there is a record of my age in the old Dutch church in Albany
3. I lived in the town of Greenbush when call to service in the Revolution. I have lived, in the town of Lansingburgh and still reside there.
4. Was ordered out in the first place afterward, was drafted.
5. Was personally acquainted with Col. Butler of the Rifle Corps was with them and served as aforesaid guard.
6. Never received a written discharge.
7. Had a Corporal Commission sign by Capt. George Sharp.
8. I am personally known to Cornelius Lansing, George Tibbitts, Levinus Lansing, Jacob C. Lansing, Chauncy Ives & many Who can bear Testimony to my character as to honesty, sobriety industry & veracity.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed with his mark) Cornelius Myers

Sworn & Subscribed this 2d day of Jan. 1833. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS. On the sixth day of August 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Rensselaer County Courts Eleanor Myers, a resident of the City of Troy in the County & State aforesaid aged, Eighty five years who by reason of bodily infirmity is unable to appear in open court. Who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of Acts of Congress.

That she is the widow of Cornelius Myers who was a private in the war, army of the Revolution and served as set forth in the declaration on file in the pension office & for which services a pension certificate was granted to the said Cornelius Myers. She further declares that she was married, to the said Cornelius Myers in the month of August or September in the year seventeen hundred eighty one and that her husband the aforesaid Cornelius Myers died on the twelfth day of February one thousand eight hundred & forty & that she still remains the widow of the said Cornelius Myers deceased.

(Signed with her mark) Eleanor Myers (7)

Subscribed & Sworn the day and year above written before me. Archibald T. Bull Judge of Rensselaer County Courts.

End Notes—R.7537—Cornelius Myers

1. George Sharp was a Captain in Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia, also referred to as the Fourth Rensselaerwyck Battalion.
2. John Fonda served as the First Lieutenant in Captain Sharp's company.
3. Hugh McMannus served as Second Lieutenant in Captain Cornelius Lansing's Company in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.
4. Henry K. VanRensselaer served as the Lieutenant-Colonel in Schuyler's Regiment.
5. So far a Captain Neal or Neil McClean has not been found in the militia records.
6. Samuel Shaw had served as First Lieutenant in Captain Caleb Bentley's Company in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment. He is referred to as captain in some of the records but so far a date of his appointment as captain has not been found. Samuel Shaw in his pension application W.16719 applied on October 3, 1832 states "that the time of his receiving his Captain's commission is unknown to him having lost the same but that he was a captain in 1781 he knows and thinks he was sometime previous to that year."