

Pension Application for Andrew Sharp

S.22984

New York service and Green Mountain Boys
State of Pennsylvania
Tioga County SS.

On the twenty fifth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Tioga now sitting Andrew Sharp a resident of Rutland Township in the County of Tioga aforesaid aged sixty eight or nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following disclosure in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service under Capt. Shipman (1)—who was attached to Col. Warner's Regiment of the New York State troops in May I think 1776 for six months were stationed at Fort Edward on the Hudson River where I remained under the same commanders till late in the fall, it being something over the six months for which I enlisted & then went home—The next Spring I enlisted again about the same time of year (May) under Capt. Wells (2) of Cambridge of the same State troops under Col. Harper (3)—marched to Parmertown [Palmertown] on the West side of the Hudson River not far from Pasatoga Springs [Saratoga?] where I remained till fall—staying full six months—my duty was standing guard - scouting—repairing the fort &c—I then returned home—In the Spring of the next year I enlisted again for six months in Capt. Bradshaw's (4) Company in Col. Harper's Regiment and repaired to Fort Edward where I remained about three months, where Capt. Bradfords's (5) Company & Capt. Harrison's Company were called away to Schenectady upon the Mohawk where we joined Capt. Fronman's (6) company and another company from N. Jersey. (7) Captain's name not recollected—Major Hughes (8) taking the command we entered the fort at that place—on the way we met 100 Indians at Kennedy Creek (9) we being about 300 strong—a battle ensued between us and the Indians—One Indian was shot down dead—and others said to have been wounded—they stood only one fire and then run—We left Schenectady immediately for Fort Stanwix now called Rome—where we remained till the last of December (10) was then dismissed by Col. Gansevoort (11) who commanded a Continental Regiment and I marched back to Schenectady where I was dismissed and sent home.

I have no documentary evidence of my service and know of no person who can testify to my service whose testimony I can procure.

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

Interrogatories propounded by the Court.

1. Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Nobletown about 10 or 15 miles east of the Hudson River in the State of New York—I being young when I moved from there I do not recollect the name of the county—from thence I moved to Cambridge in the same state when quite young where I resided when I performed the service—from thence I went to Sandersfield Berkshire County Mass. And from thence I came to Rutland Tioga County where I have lived since it being about 28 years.—
2. Have you any record of your age? Ans. I have none.
3. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since. Ans. My answer to the 1st question answers this also—
4. How were you called into the service &c. Ans. I volunteered or enlisted at the several periods which I served—was not drafted—nor did I serve as a substitute.
5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served—such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. Col. Warner was of the Continental troops and was wounded at Bloody Pond and Capt. Cone (12) & Ensign McLowrey (13) were killed at same time & place by the Indians—They went to Fort George and on their return at the place aforesaid they were attacked by the Indians and wounded & killed as above—In further answer to this interrogatory the deponent refers to the body of his declaration.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so &c.—Ans. I never rec'd a written discharge as I recollect.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Ans. James Whitehead, Rufus Daggett & Ezra Wood.

Sworn and Subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Jonah Brewster, Presiding

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1. John Chipman was appointed first lieutenant on September 16, 1776 in Captain Simeon Smith's Company in Colonel Seth Warner's Additional Continental Regiment. There were sixteen additional regiments authorized. Warner's Regiment was made up of men from Connecticut, Vermont and New York. Andrew

is wrong on this tour of service. Shipman was not appointed captain in this regiment until about August 1, 1780. Also enlistments were for 3 years or during war. This service belongs with the 1780 time period.

2. Captain Joseph Wells in Colonel Lewis VanWoert's Sixteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia (Cambridge District). Andrew also had served under Captains George Gilmore and Cornelius Doty in Colonel VanWoert's Regiment at different times.
3. John Harper at this time was Colonel of the Fifth Regiment of Tryon County Militia until about May of 1780.
4. Thomas Bradshaw was commissioned lieutenant on June 16, 1780 in Captain Joseph Harrison's company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of Levies. Andrew was enlisted in Captain John Chipman's Company in Harper's Regiment. Chipman was appointed major on June 16, 1780 in Harper's Regiment. Major Chipman was in command of Fort Edward in 1780 and by August 1, he left Harper's Regiment and was appointed Captain in Warner's Regiment. All of this added to the confusion for the soldiers in 1780 and even more so in 1832.
5. Probably should be Bradshaw. The former Chipman's Company was commanded by Lieutenants Seth Sherwood and Othniel Philips.
6. Walter Vrooman was appointed on May 11, 1780 in Colonel Harper's Regiment.
7. There were no known New Jersey troops in the Mohawk Valley area but as he mentions Major Hughes, he is probably marching with another company of levies from either Colonel Lewis Dubois' Regiment or Colonel William Malcolm's Regiment of New York State troops. Both were formed on July 1, 1780.
8. James Miles Hughes was appointed July 1, 1780 in Colonel Dubois' Regiment of Levies. Now to add to the confusion of the soldier who barely knew any of these officers; Hughes was transferred from Dubois' Regiment to Harpers' Regiment and Captain Joshua Drake was transferred from Malcolm's to Harper's to take command of the former Chipman Company.
9. Around September 23 or 24, Colonel Malcolm marches out of Fort Rensselaer heading west to Fort Schuyler in the present day City of Rome, Oneida County, New York. Malcolm took most of Harper's Regiment under the command of Hughes which were to replace the First New York Continental Regiment as garrison at Fort Schuyler. About September 26, Malcolm and his troops ran into a party of Indians and drove them into the forest where they dispersed into small parties. Malcolm continued the march to the fort without any further incidents. Malcolm left Harper's Regiment at the fort and returned to Fort Rensselaer with his detachment from his regiment and the First New York marched to Albany.
10. On November 22, 1780, the Fourth New York Continental Regiment arrived at Fort Schuyler to replace Hughes and Harper's Regiment as garrison. On November 23, Hughes and his troops left the fort for Schenectady where they were discharged on November 30. Harper's Regiment was raised for only seven months.
11. Peter Gansevoort was Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment.
12. James Coon was lieutenant and quartermaster in Warner's Regiment. He was killed September 6, 1780.
13. Ensign Alexander Lowrey of Warner's Regiment was killed on October 11, 1780 near Fort George. It was Lieutenant and Adjutant Benjamin Hopkins who was killed on September 6th. Colonel Warner was severely wounded but he eventually recovered.