

### Pension Application for John Shaw

W.16720 (Widow: Isabella. Married September 2d, 1783, in Kinderhook, Columbia County. Isabella stated that when they married her husband was dressed in his uniform as an officer. He was on furlough, took her to her father's house in Albany and left to rejoin his regiment, she believes at West Point. On Christmas Day he came home.) John was a Lieutenant of Artillery, Col. Lamb's Regiment. He died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826.

Continental New York

B.L.Wt.1989-200 Lieut. Issued Sept 15, 1790 to James Caldwell assignee. No papers.

State of New York SS.

On this seventy fourth day of April 1818, before me Ambrose Spencer one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the State of New York personally appeared John Shaw aged fifty eight year resident in the City of Albany in said State, who being my me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he the said John Shaw was appointed a Lieutenant in Capt. Andrew Moody in Col. John lambs Regiment of Artillery on the Continental Establishment in the Year 1781, and that he the said John Shaw continued to serve as such Lieut. until the ninth of December 1783 when the deponent was discharged. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That his commission as such Lieut. has been destroyed by moth his discharge being written on [?] parchment, & that he has no evidence now in his power of his aid appointment & service except a certificate signed by George Washington as President of the Society of Cincinatti & the declaration on oath of [?] Deniston Regt. (Signed) John Shaw

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818. Anbrose Spencer.

State of New York

City of Albany SS.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty five personally appeared in open court being a court of record proceeding according to the Cause of the Common Law, John Shaw aged sixty five years and upwards resident in the City of Albany in Said State who being duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in the Crops commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett and served in such corps for about nine months immediately preceding his appointment in the regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel John Lamb. That a certificate of this deponent's service as an officer while under the command of Colonel Willett is hereto subjoined which certificate was given by him to deponent in the month of November last & subscribed by him in deponent's presence that in the fall of the year seventeen eighty one this deponent was appointed a Lieutenant in a company of Artillery commanded by Capt. Andrew Moody in the aforesaid regiment commanded by Colonel Lam and continued to serve therein as such officer until December seventeen hundred and eighty three the final close of the revolutionary war. That I have heretofore received a pension from the government of the United States under and act entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed eighteen March eighteen hundred and eighteen the number of the pension certificate is 8,432 and dated 24 day of March 1819.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service in the Revolutionary War passed on the eighteenth day of March eighteen hundred and eighteen. And that 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that I have no real estate whatever and that all my personal estate is correctly stated in the annexed inventory and also the debts which are now justly due & owing from me to the several persons therein annexed.

That I now and for many years past have persued the business of ropemaking but have now become too aged & infirm to bestow that care & attention to it which is necessary to enable me to make it afford a sufficient support to myself & family which is eight in number who now reside with deponent and are principally dependant on him for their support. Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> This deponent's wife who is feeble & inform aged about sixty one years. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maria Shaw his daughter who attends principally to the family concerns aged twenty eight years. 3<sup>d</sup> Leonard Shaw his son who is a white Smith by trade but of a feeble constitution in delicate health aged twenty six years. 4 Daniel D. Shaw aged twenty three years has been lame with white swelling for about five years has no particular profession or occupation & is incapable of supporting himself. Abraham Shaw aged about fifteen years is a clerk in a dry goods store but receives no wages. Three orphaned children without any means of support except what is derived from deponent. Names John H, Richard & Gertrude Shaw. John H. is aged Sixteen years, Richard aged fourteen years and Gertrude aged nine years. And further this deponent saith not. (Signed) John Shaw.

Sworn before me in Open Court this 5<sup>th</sup> April 1825. Law L. V. Kleek, Clerk

Schedule of the personal property rights & credits of John Shaw of the City of Albany made on an application to the Mayor's court of the City of Albany for the purpose of having the State & condition of his pecuniary circumstances duly authenticated preparatory to an application to be placed on the pension list of the Untied States in pursuance of the provisions of the several acts of the United States passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 & May 1<sup>st</sup> 1820.

Schedule A.

1 old desk \$10.00  
1 looking glass 6.00  
1 do do 5.00  
1 do do 1.  
Carried down \$22.00  
Brot down 22.00  
1 Carpet \$18.00  
1 do 7.50  
1 dining table maple 3.50  
1 tea do 6.  
1 side do 11.  
1 Franklin Stove 25  
1 oven stove & pipe 12  
12 Chairs 15  
3 box stoves & pipes 19  
16 common chairs 8  
2 stands 5  
1 tea tray & 2 waiters 3  
4 old silver tablespoons 8  
17 tea do sorted 10  
1 pair sugar tongs 1.50  
9 yds common stair carpet with Ironrods 7.50  
1 pr shovel & tongs & andirons 6.50  
1 oil cloth 3.  
3 bed steads 15.

1 sett window curtains 5.  
 1 pair plated candlesticks 4.  
 1 hearth rug 2.50  
 Lott old pictures 2.  
 Crocking & Glass 15.  
 Kitchen Talbe 1.  
 1 pair kitchen andirons 1.  
 Potts & Kettles &c 15.  
 1 old one horse Waggon 12.  
 1 old sleigh 8.  
 1 milch cows 30. [milk?]  
 1 pair seals & weights 25.  
 1 copper taning kettle 70.  
 Wheels &c for making rope 30.  
 1 pair brass candlesticks 1.  
 Knives & forks 1  
 Carried over \$429.00  
 Brot Over \$429.00  
 4190 lb white rope @ 11 cts \$460.90  
 30 .1.90 lb coradage @ \$10c 303.31  
 15.0.14 Yard yarn \$9 136.25  
 25.0.10 hemp \$10 250.90  
 1 doz large clothlines 3.  
 4 doz do @12/ 6.  
 15 do do @8/ 15.  
 4 do do @ 4 2.  
 62 lb cord @ ¼ 10.33  
 3 doz Hatters do 7/ 2.26 ½  
 50 lb twine 2/ 12.50  
 15 lg iron hooks 1/ 1/87 ½  
 1 do & 9 Hambelin \$2 3.50  
 1 do Marlin 4/ 4.50  
 \$1641.69  
 Stafford Benedict & Co. note for \$295.00  
 Godfrey & Walsh note for \$400.00  
 James J. Carly do 67.77 \$760.77  
 Sloop Ohio \$4.04  
 Kerson Hermance 102.60  
 Tracy & Brush 30.75  
 Capt Johnson 2.94  
 Sloop General green 2.15  
 William Campbell 2.75  
 Peter Moakley 66.65  
 L.G. Taylor 9.20  
 J. Quackenbush 4.25  
 Smith & Willard 8.25  
 James Gibbons Junr 29.35  
 \$261.92

David Ferry \$16.50  
Sloop Columbia 1.44  
David Corson 16.66  
Sloop Ransom 27.41  
J. B. Longworthy 54.28  
John Siswell 15.38  
John Shem 6.86  
\$138.53  
Sloop Commerce 25.88  
E. Watrous 19.72  
Stephen Ayrantt 5.15  
W. & A. Marvin 19.21  
Sloop Eclipse 23.23  
Wheelock 7.20  
A. Theater 24.05  
J. Spencer & Co. 9.50  
H. Delavan & co. 72.50  
Davis & Center for S. Boat 52.83  
VanSchaick 4.50  
Sloop Christiana 10.32 \$274.09  
[total] \$3077.00

Schedule B.

Schedule of the debts due and Owing from John Shaw to the several persons hereinafter named  
viz.

To Isaac Hick merchant of New York \$1379.00  
To Barker & Col. do do 2,606.00  
To the Mechanics & Farmers Bank in the City of Albany 500.00  
To Robert Shepherd of the City of Albany Merchant 250.00  
To Sundry Small debts in the City of Albany 100.00  
\$4835.00 John Shaw.

Letter in the folder dated June 22, 1914 written in response to a request for information.

In response to your undated letter which was received on the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant, you are advised that this Bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution or war of 1812 unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his services, and a careful search of the records fails to show such claims on file for John Shaw of the 7<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment, James Flecker, Hecker or Thecker, Alexander Smith, Robert Church, Robert Steel, John and Thomas Raleigh or Railey, James or John Berryman and Colonel John Woodson of the Revolution, and Captain William church, War of 1812, described by you.

In order to identify such Revolutionary War claims, if on file for any person named McClung or William Moors of Virginia, in addition to the soldiers' full name, some of the following places of residence at enlistment and after service, approximate dates or birth and death, given name of his widow.

For information in regard to land that may have been granted to Robert Church by the State of Virginia, it is suggested that you address the Secretary of said state.

From the papers in the pension claim W. File No. 16,720, it appears that John Shaw was appointed April 27, 1781, as Lieutenant in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York Levies, was in the battle of Johnstown and in the autumn of that year was transferred as Lieutenant to Captain Andrew

Moody's company, Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery, and was discharged at West Point in December 1783. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

He married at Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, September 2, 1783, Isabelle Denniston, and in 1825, he stated that his family who resided with him consisted of his wife aged about sixty-one years, his daughter Maria Shaw aged twenty-eight, his son Leonard Shaw aged twenty-six, Daniel D. Shaw aged twenty-three, Abraham Shaw aged fifteen, and three orphan grand children, John H. Shaw aged sixteen, Richard Shaw aged fourteen, and Gertrude Shaw aged nine years.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed April 24, 1818, at which time he was fifty-eight years old and a resident of Albany, New York. He died July 14, 1826.

His widow Isabelle was allowed pension on her application executed August 31, 1836, while residing in Albany, New York