

Pension Application for Peter Shearman or Sherman

W.27858 (Widow: Martha Hart, daughter of Daniel & Martha Hart) Married March 4, 1784. Martha was born October 29, 1763, Peter was born October 18, 1753 in Salem, Washington County. Peter died Dec 4, 1848.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved the 15th of May 1828, I, Peter Shearman of the town of Ovid in the County of Seneca, in the state of New York, I hereby declare I enlisted in the continental line of the army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in service until the termination of the said War of the Revolution, at which period I was a private in Captain Hick's (1) Company in the first New York Regiment commanded by Col. Van Schaick, in the New York Line—I further declare that I afterward received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress paid the 15th of May 1778—and I further declare that on the fifteenth day of March 1826 I was not on the pension list of the United States, nor have I ever been on said pension list nor received any pension from the United States. (Signed) Peter Shearman (2)

State of New York
Seneca County SS.

Before me, Alvah Gregory a commissioner duly authorized by law to administer oaths in the county of Seneca in the state of New York personally appeared this day Jonathan Thomas and Barnet D. Tibbets of the town of Ovid.---of the said county who did severally make oath that Peter Shearman, by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed & believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the Revolution in manner as therein stated. Jonathan Thomas, Barnet D. Tibbets.

Witness my hand this 15th day of July in the year 1828. Alvah Gregory a commissioner of the County of Seneca appointed to take affidavits.

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 29th July 1848.

State of New York
Seneca County SS.

On this 27th day of March 1849, personally appeared before the subscriber the County [?] of said county Martha Sherman of said county aged eighty five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 29th July 1848. That she is the widow of Peter Sherman late a pensioner of the United State. She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Sherman on the 4th day of March 1784 that her name before marriage was Martha Hart, that her husband the aforesaid Peter Sherman died on the 4th day of December 1848, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1784 & of course prior to January 1800 to with at the day & date above mentioned & set forth. (Signed with her mark) Martha Sherman.

Subscribed & sworn before me this 27th day of March 1849.

End Notes—W.27858—Peter Shearman

1. Peter enlisted as a private for during war in Captain Benjamin Hicks' Third Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment on June 30, 1782. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 10, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. Peter does not give any other service prior to 1782 but as he was born in 1753 he would have served in the local militia. He doesn't state where he resided when he enlisted in the First New York which would have given a clue to any militia service. There was a Peter Shearman in the Westchester County Militia who had been taken prisoner on June 24, 1779 and released on January 9, 1780 but if he was this Shearman it would seem unusual he wouldn't have mentioned that he had been taken prisoner which would have added to his pension application.