

**Pension Application for Anthony Sherman or Shearman**

S.31957 Private, Captain Davis, Col. Livingston, NY Line. Died in 1849 Sag Harbor Long Island NY.

State of New York

Suffolk County SS.

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Jonathan S. Conklin, first Judge of the court of Common Pleas as County of Suffolk in the state aforesaid, Anthony Sherman who is a resident of the town of Southampton in the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he is 80 years old. That on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1775 he enlisted in a company called minute men of whom David Pierson (1) of the town County and State aforesaid was chosen Capt. and John Foster (2) Lieutenant that he continued in said company under the aforesaid officers which were attached to the Brigade commanded by Gen. Woodhull (3) until the spring of 1776, that he then enlisted in the Continental or Regular Army under Capt. John Davis (4) and was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston (5) in Gen. George Clinton's (6) Brigade, that he was stationed at Montauk on Long Island until the general evacuation [sic] by the American troops was then engaged for some time in removing the inhabitants and likewise a great number of cattle to Connecticut after this was effected he was with the Regiment stationed at Say Brook while there was detached with a part of Regiment on an expedition against a party of Refugees who lay at Setauket on Long Island under the command of Capt. Jacob Smith (7) which after a smart skirmish in which several were killed and wounded on both sides they succeeded in capturing after his return to Say Brook the regiment went to New Haven he does not recollect but went from there to Peekskill in the State of New York staid there a short time and then went to Fort Montgomery where he was discharged by Gen. George Clinton some time before it was taken by the British that at the time he was discharged Gen Clinton told him he could not give him a written discharge because he could not pay him off this he thinks was in the spring of 1777. That soon after that he reentered the service as a substitute for John Griswold (8) served six month[s] for Griswold that after his time was out he entered the service as a substitute for Samuel Fuller (9) under Captain John Demon (10) and was attached to the northern army under the Command the Command [sic] of Gen Arnold (11) was at the Battle of Saratoga (12) when Burgoine and his army were taken prisoners does not Recollect at which time he was discharged but after that entered the service as a substitute for Ruben Champion (13) was again attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston (14) served the Regiment in New Jersey was at the Battle of Monmouth Court House (15) and by order of Col. Livingston got straw and set fire to the Court House stairs by which means a number of Hessians were taken prisoners was in the service when peace was proclaimed and stationed at New Brunswick in New Jersey never had any written discharge after peace went to his family at East Haddam in Connecticut where he remained six weeks and came to Sag Harbor in the town of Southampton County and State aforesaid where he has resided ever since and deponent further declares that he was born in the town of Swenney in the State of Massachusetts on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1752 that he has no record of his age but believes the above statement to be correct that he came to Sag Harbor when he was about 21 years of age and has lived there ever since except what time his family was in East Haddam during the war and at which time he was in the service that he lived in Sag Harbor when he first enlisted the service under Captain Pierson and also when he enlisted in the Continental Service under Capt. Davis and that he resided in East Haddam in Connecticut at the time he entered the service as a substitute for Griswold Fuller and

Champion and deponent further declares that John Foster, David Hand and Sylvanus Halsey can certify as to his service in the revolution and that the Rev. John D. Gardiner and Nathan Fordham all of the town of Southampton County and State aforesaid can attest to my character for truth and veracity and deponent further declares that he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed with his mark) Anthony Sherman

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above said before me, Jonathan S. Conklin, Judge

Letter dated April 27, 1923, responding to a request for information concerning three soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Following is the part pertaining to Anthony Sherman.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.31957, it appears that Anthony Sherman was born in Swansea, Massachusetts, September 13, 1752, and while residing at Sag Harbor, Suffolk County, New York, he enlisted and served as follows—September 15, 1775, eight months in a company of minute men commanded by Captain David Pierson, New York troops. Spring of 1776, one year and five months in Captain John Davis' Company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Regiment. 1777, six months in Captain Demon's Company. 1778, six months in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Regiment, captain's name not stated. 1781, six months as a private in Captain Henry Champin's (16) Company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Regiment. He was in the battles of Saratoga and Monmouth.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 18, 1828, while living in Southampton, Suffolk County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.

End Notes—S.31957—Anthony Sherman

1. David Pierson was the captain of the Second Southampton Company in Colonel Josiah Smith's Suffolk County Minute Men Regiment.
2. John Foster was the first lieutenant, Abraham Rose was the second lieutenant and Edward Topping or Tapping was the ensign. They all were commissioned on February 23, 1776.
3. Brigadier General Nathaniel Woodhull. He was wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Brookland, Long Island on August 28, 1776. Woodhull died of his wounds on September 20, 1776.
4. Captain John Davis in Colonel James Clinton's Second New York Continental Regiment from March to November 1776. There is one payroll for November 1, 1776 to November 20, 1776 for Captain Davis' Company and Anthony's name is not listed in the payroll. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 20, National Archives Washington, D.C.
5. Henry B. Livingston was appointed lieutenant colonel on March 8, 1776 in Clinton's Regiment.
6. Brigadier General George Clinton of the Ulster and Orange Counties Militia. He was appointed on December 19, 1775.
7. Captain Jacob Smith is unknown.
8. John Griswold appears to have served in the Massachusetts Militia.
9. Samuel Fuller appears to have served in the Massachusetts Militia.
10. Captain John Demon or Dimon appears to have served in the Massachusetts Militia.
11. Major General Benedict Arnold of the Continental Army.
12. There were two major battles fought at Saratoga between the American forces under Major General Horatio Gates and British forces under Lieutenant General John Burgoyne. The first was on September 19, 1777 and the second was on October 7,

1777. General Burgoyne surrendered the remnants of his 7,000 man army to G. Gates on October 17, 1777.

13. Reuben Champion appears to have served in the Connecticut troops.
14. Livingston was appointed colonel on November 21, 1776 of the Fourth New York Continental Regiment. Sherman's name does not appear on the rolls of this regiment.
15. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, was fought on June 28, 1778. The First, Second, and Fourth New York Regiments were in this battle but Anthony's name does not appear on the rolls of either regiment.
16. Henry Champion was a captain in the Third Connecticut Continental Regiment from January 1, 1777 to May 1, 1780. There is no record of Sherman serving in this regiment.