

Pension Application for Andrew Sherwood

W.19021 (Widow: Judith)
B.L.Wt. 7853-100-1798
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Schedule
State of New York
Tompkins County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record by the law of said state, for the said County of Tompkins Andrew Sherwood aged seventy four years resident in the town of Dryden in the said County of Tompkins who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he enlisted in 1777 in Capt. Thomas Machin's (1) Company in Col. John Lambs regiment of Artillery during the War on the Continental Establishment. That he served till the Close of the War, about six years. That he was in the Battle at Fort Montgomery (2), at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown (3), and in various skirmishes in the revolutionary war. The date of his original application was the 27th April 1818 and his pension certificate is numbered 11182. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner 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 & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities in trust or debt due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Real estate I have none. I have 3 yearling hogs, 1 scythe, 1 old axe, 1 pail, 1 pot, 1 pail disk kettle, 1 Teakettle, 1 five pail kettle, 1 old table good for nothing, 1 pr shovel & tongs 1 tramel, 3 tea cups & saucers, old & broken, ½ sett old knives & forks, 4 old chairs poor, the [?] of fifty acres of land improved but how long he may improve it. (Signed) Andrew Sherwood.

And the said Andrew Sherwood farther swears that he is by occupation a farmer, that he has a wife living with him named Judith aged fifty two being his second wife, is healthy and able to work, that the said Andrew has been [un]able for about five years to perform manual labor in consequence of debility & old age. That he has two children living with him, Stephen aged fifteen years, and Nancy aged thirteen years, both healthy who together assist in maintaining the said Andrew & his wife. That he shared the hardships & deprivations of the revolutionary war, often received tokens of respect from Washington the father of his country and always performed his duty with alacrity & with fidelity to his country, and is now left in his old age destitute of any support except that derived from his wife & children. (Signed) Andrew Sherwood

Sworn to & Declared at the 29 day of September 1820 before me in open court. Augustine Crary one of the Judges of Tompkins Court of Comm Pleas.

Letter of reply for a request for information, Dated July 28, 1938

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Andrew Sherwood of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, W.19021, based on the military service of Andrew Sherwood in the Revolutionary War.

Andrew Sherwood was born in the month of February, 1746, place not stated, nor were the names of his parents given.

While a resident of New Windsor, Orange County, New York, Andrew Sherwood enlisted in 1777, served as private and first sergeant in Captain Thomas Machin's company in Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery; he was in the battles of Fort Montgomery, Monmouth (4), Yorktown, and several skirmishes, and was discharged at the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 27, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Dryden, Tompkins County, New York.

He died August 29, 1831, in Independence, Allegany County, New York.

Andrew Sherwood married December 8, 1784, in Cornwall, Orange County, New York, Miss Judah or Judith Ryckman or Richman. She was his second wife; name of the first wife not stated, nor are there any details in regard to her.

The widow, Judah Sherwood, was allowed pension on her application executed February 4, 1840 at which time she was seventy-seven years of age and a resident of Independence, New York.

The names of the children of Andrew Sherwood and his wife, Judah or Judith:

Joseph born September 2, 1785

William born February 13, 1788, deceased in 1844

David born October 29, 1791
Sarah born February 19, 1794
Samuel born July 12, 1796
Hannah born August 3, 1800
Stephen born March 16, 1803
Nancy born September 2, 1806

It was not stated that there were any children by the first wife.

The widow, Judah Sherwood, was living in 1844 in Independence, New York, with her son, Joseph Sherwood, and in 1856, she was living in Liberty Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania. She died August 31, 1861.

William Sherwood, brother of the soldier, Andrew Sherwood, was eighty-one years of age in 1840, and living in Potter, Yates County, New York. William M. Strobridge stated in 1844 in Allegany County, New York that he was the grandson by marriage of the soldier and the widow, Judah Sherwood.

End Notes—W.19021—Andrew Sherwood

1. Thomas was appointed Captain-Lieutenant on January 1, 1777 in Captain Thomas Theodore Bliss' Company in colonel John Lamb's Second Regiment of Continental Artillery. Andrew's name was not found on the company muster or in any of the other companies of this regiment in 1777. Machin was promoted to captain on August 21, 1780 in Colonel Lamb's Regiment. Andrew is listed as enlisting on January 17, 1781 in Captain Machin's company for during war and his rank is listed as sergeant. On the April 1781 muster roll Sergeant Sherwood is listed as "Recruiting at Albany". FROM: Revolutionary War Muster Rolls 1775-1788, Series M-246, Roll 118, folder 39, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The Battle of Fort Montgomery, NY, was fought on October 6, 1777. Captain-Lieutenant machine was wounded in this battle.
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4. The Yorktown Virginia Campaign was fought September 28 to October 19, 1781. The Battle of Monmouth, NY was fought on June 28, 1778. Captain Bliss was taken prisoner during this battle.