

Pension Application for Cyrus Sholes

R.9528 (Widow: Polly) Cyrus died in 1822. Polly died 22 Dec. 1843.

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this 18th day of November A.D. 1845, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas, holden at Canandaigua in the said County of Ontario (said Court being a Court of Record) & before the Judges thereof, Charlotte Allen a resident of the town of Avea in the county of Steuben in the State of New York & aged Fifty Years the 29th day of May next, who first being duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in behalf of herself & her brother & sister, in order to obtain the amount due her mother Polly Sholes (widow of Cyrus Sholes deceased) on account of the Revolutionary service of her father the said Cyrus Sholes deceased according to the provisions of the acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the act of 3d of March 1843.

That she believes her said father the said Cyrus Sholes was a pensioner under the act of 1818 and died in the County of Washington in the State of New York some time in the year 1822 or about that time, the precise times she is not able to state.

That she is not able to say positively what service her said father performed but has understood that he was in the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775 (1) & she has understood her said father to say that he was taken a prisoner by the British at or near New London (2) & that escaped from them & that he received a wound from a shot from the enemy in making his escape. That she cannot state under what officers he served. (3) That for further particulars of the service of her said father she refers to her fathers papers on file in the War Department—that her mother the said Polly Sholes was married to her said father the said Cyrus Sholes as near as she can recollect from her said father and mother—sometime in the year 1792 in proof of which papers accompany this declaration.

That her mother the said Polly Sholes died at the town of Howard in the County of Steuben in the State of New York on the 22d day of December in the year 1843. That she further declares that herself and William Sholes aged forty years or about that & a resident of the City of Buffalo, in the State of New York and Loisa Rathbun aged about forty two years and who resides in the town of Howard in the County of Steuben & State of New York are the only children of the said Sholes deceased who served her said mother as she knows of.
(Signed) Charlotte Allen

Subscribed to & sworn this 18th day of November 1845 in open court. Peter Mitchell a Judge of Ontario County Courts.

[The file contains no depositions from Cyrus Sholes or other supporting depositions from other service men.]

End Notes—R.9528—Cyrus Sholes

1. The Battle of Bunker Hill or Breeds Hill, Massachusetts fought on June 17, 1775.
2. The Battle of New London, Connecticut was fought on September 6, 1781.
3. So far the only service that was found for Cyrus was that he served as a private in Captain Oliver Grant's Company in Colonel John Ely's Regiment of Massachusetts Militia but there is no date on the roll.