

### **Pension Application for Peter Short or Schaart**

W.22190 (Widow: Alida Shultis, Schultiz, Shultz, former widow.)

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 and of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1842.

State of New York

Ulster county SS.

On this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three at a Court of Common pleas and general Sessions held at the Court house in the village of Kingston in and for said County of Ulster, personally appeared Peter P. Short a resident of the town of SWoodstock in said County aged forty six years who being first duly sworn according to law in open court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 and of the 23<sup>d</sup> of August 1842.

That he is the only son living of Alida Shultis widow of Henry Shultis deceased and who was first the widow of Peter Short who in the revolutionary war was a private in defence of his country more or less every year from the beginning to the end of the revolutionary war, but as this declarant was only eight or nine years of age when his father the said Peter Short died, he has obtained his information in relation to his fathers services in the revolution from the common tradition of his neighborhood and from some of the old soldiers who served with his father in said war, and of course is not able to give particulars, but will briefly state as follows viz.

His father the said Peter Short at the commencement and during the revolutionary was resided in the town of Woodstock in the County of Ulster and according to the best of his knowledge & belief he was drafted as a private soldier for the term of five months and was stationed for the most part of the time in the neighborhood of the City of New York White Plains, this service he thinks was performed in Captain John L. Dewitt's Company in the year 1776.

He further declares that in the following spring his father the said Peter Short to wit in the year 1777 again volunteered or was drafted in a Company commanded with either Captain Henry Schoonmaker or Captain John L. Dewitt for the term of four months or more and was stationed at Fort Montgomery until discharged.

He further declares that his father the said Peter Short was afterwards engaged as a private soldier in defence of his country for the term of eight or nine months and was stationed part of the time in the western part of Ulster and Delaware Counties and part of the time on the Hudson River at a place called Stoney Point and believes he was commanded by Colonel Pawling.

He further declares that his father the said Peter Short was also engaged as a private soldier in defense of his country for the term of eight or nine months and was stationed on the frontier of Ulster and believes was also commanded by Colonel Pawling as aforesaid.

He further declares that the foregoing is all he can recollect of the services of his father the said Peter during the revolutionary war, but believes he served in several other tours, but cannot give any more particulars.

He further declares that he believes that his father the said Peter Short was legally married to his mother the said Alida whose maiden name was Edwards on or about the thirty first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.

That he believes the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Doll then a Clergyman of the Dutch Reformed Church of Kingston. And that his father the said Peter Short died on or about the month of June in the year one thousand eight hundred in said town of Woodstock.

That his mother the said Alida was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

He further declares that he believes that six or seven years after the death of his father the said Peter Short his mother the said Alida was legally married to Henry Shultis also of Woodstock, with whom she lived until the fifteenth of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty when her husband the said Henry Shultis died—and that his mother the said Alida remained a widow until the third day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three when she also died in said town of Woodstock and left her surviving the following named children viz. Elizabeth DeVauld wife of David DeVauld, Sally Shultis widow of John Shultis, Catharine Edson, wife of Willaim Edson—and this declarant Peter P. Short who are the only living children of their mother the said Alida Shultis—who was first the widow of their father, the said Peter Short deceased and that said above named children are all severally over twenty one years of age, who are applicants for a pension in the name of their mother the said Alida Shultis for the revolutionary Services of their father, the said Peter Short deceased. (Signed with his mark) Peter P. Short.

I George A. Gay, clerk of the court not sitting on the date first above mentioned, do certify that said applicant Peter P. Short personally appeared in open court and after having read the foregoing declaration to him carefully—was duly sworn by me to the truth of the fact therein stated, and subscribed his name by making his mark.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court and County this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1843. Geo. A. Gay, Clerk.

Letter dated August 8, 19[?]1

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.22190, that Peter Short or Schaart, while a resident of Woodstock, Ulster County, New York, enlisted in 1776 and served five months as private in Captain John L. DeWitt's New York Company. He enlisted in the spring of 1777 and served four months as private in Captains Henry Schoonmaker's and John L. DeWitt's company. He enlisted in the spring of 1779 and served nine months as private in Captain Hunter's company, Colonel Albert Pauling's New York Regiment.

Soldier married January 31, 1787, Alida Edwards of Woodstock, New York.

He died in June 1800, in Woodstock, New York and his widow Alida, six or seven years later, married Henry Shultis, Schultiz or Shults, of Woodstock, New York. He died December 15, 1840.

The widow, Alida Shultis died April 2, 1843, in Woodstock, New York leaving the following surviving children to whom the pension was paid that was due her on account of the services of her former husband, Peter Short.

Elizabeth wife of David DeVauld, Duval or Devall

Sally, Widow of John Shultis

Catherine, wife of William Edson

Peter P. Short a resident of Woodstock, New York in 1845 and aged forty-six years.

A child, Sophia was baptized November 1, 1787 but was not living at the time of widow's death.