

**Revolutionary War Service Affidavit for Thomas Shirkey, July 4, 1820**

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Southern District of New York  
Ulster County Ss: \_\_\_\_\_

On this the fourth day of July 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas, being a court of Record in and for the said county of Ulster, the undersigned Thomas Shirkey, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare as follows, viz: I Thomas Shirkey, aged about seventy seven years, resident in the town of New Paltz in the said county of Ulster, do on my oath declare that I enlisted for the term of six months, about nine months previous to the death of General Montgomery, in the said town of New Paltz, in the company of Elias Hasbrouck, captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wynkoop, in the line of the State of New York, that I continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of six months, when, being then at Montreal in Canada, I again immediately enlisted in the company of Captain Cooper, for the term of six months, in the line of the State of New York, and proceeding from there to Quebec, late in the Fall, I received my discharge the next Spring at Quebec, and then returned home. After being at home about three months, I again enlisted in the company of Captain John Hasbrouck, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Hardenbergh for the term of three months, in the line of the State of New York, when having served out the three months, I returned home from White Plains, and then again entered as a private in the company of Captain Philip D. Bevier, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois, and served three years under the said Philip D. Bevier, on the Continental establishment, when I was discharged at Bashing ridge in the State of New Jersey: That I was in the battles of St. John's Quebec, Long Island, White Plains, at the storming and capture of Fort Montgomery, and went [to] the Western expedition under General Sullivan. \_ That my house was burnt down about fifteen years ago, and my discharge burnt with it. And I do further swear that I am inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of New York Agency, as a Pensioner of the Revolutionary Army, and the number of my certificate 16,675. And I do further solemnly swear, that I was a resident of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March

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1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, having no property of any kind on earth, excepting a chest, an old bedstead, and two old chairs, and being supported as a pauper at this time by the town of New Paltz. That I once followed the occupation of a weaver, but am now a cripple, and have been so for near thirty years, and am totally unable to keep myself. My family consists only of a wife, aged about sixty nine years, who is also supported as a pauper, and is poor, weak, and unhealthy woman.

Sworn to and declared in open Court, on the fourth  
Day of July 1820, before  
Lucas Elmendorf  
First Judge of the Court of Common  
Pleas in and for the County of Ulster

Ulster Com Pleas  
July Term 1820

The Court now here are of opinion  
that the within named Thomas Shirkey is  
dependent on the aid of his country for Support  
and that the value of the property contained  
in the above schedule is three dollars

Signed in behalf of the Court  
Lucas Elmendorf first Judge

[The caption on the back of the document states that Thomas Shirkey  
died August 29, 1820 less than a month after this declaration]