

### **Pension Application for Christian Casselman or Coselman**

W.20,895 (Widow: Barbara or Maria Barbara)  
State of New York  
Herkimer County SS.

On the fourth day of October the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred & twenty personally appeared open court being a court of record to with the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said county & constituted such court of Record by the statues of the said state Christian Casleam [sic] resident in the town of Manheim in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that to the best of his knowleg [knowledge] he is about sixty nine years of age that in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six in the month of March of that year he enlisted in the Revolutionary service under Captain Andrew Fink (1) about two years & that from that time until the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty three the sixth day of June of that year he served under Captain Christian Graig or Craig (2) of Col. VanSchaicks Regiment & that at that time he received a Regular discharge from the Regular service of the United States but that the same by some calamity is now lost that the date of his Original Declaration was on the sixteenth day of April one thousand Eight hundred & Eighteen & the number of his pension is 6.988 & the said Christian Casselman doth further testify & depose that on the eighteenth day of March one thousand Eight hundred & eighteen he was a resident citizen of the United States & that he has not since that time by gift sale or otherwise deposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring himself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the Eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen & that he has not nor hath any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor hath any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by him subscribed. To wit. He has no Real no personal—Estate of any name or nature his waring [wearing] apparel & that of his wife & daughter excepted & that he is debted to Divers persons in about the sum of twelve Dollars—And this declarant further states that he is by trade and Occupation a farmer & that he is almost disabled for Labor by reason of the Rheumatism & old age, that the names age & number of his family residing with him are as follows to wit, Maria Barbary, his wife aged fifty six years, Caty Casleman his daughter twenty seven, Betsey Casleman or his daughter aged eighteen & Peggy Casleman his daughter aged Eleven years that the oldest daughter Caty is in very ill health & constantly, the other two enjoy unusual good health & his wife is unable to Labour much on account of Rheumatism & other bodily infirmities. (Signed with his mark) Christian Caselman

Subscribed & Sworn to this fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred & twenty before George Rosegrantz a Judge of Herkimer Common Pleas in & for the said County of Herkimer.

Reply to a request for information dated October 23, 1931.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Revolutionary War records of Christian Casselman, New York troops and of Barbara Casselman, a pensioner of Manheim, New York.

The data furnished in regard to Christian Casselman are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 20895, based upon his military service in the Revolution.

Christian Cosselman (the name appears also Casselman, Casleman, Cassleman, Cosleman and Casselmen) enlisted in New York state in March, 1776, served as private in Captains Andrew Finck's and James Gregg's Companies, Colonel Van Schaick's and Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York Regiments, was in the battle of Monmouth and was discharged June 6, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818, while a resident of Manheim, Herkimer County, New York. He was then about sixty six years of age.

He died August 18, 1830 in Manheim, Herkimer County, New York

The soldier married January 10, 1785 in the town of German Flatts, Herkimer County, New York, Barbara or Maria Barbara.

Barbara Casselman, soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed November 5, 1838, while a resident of Manheim, Herkimer County, New York. She was then seventy-four years of age.

In 1820, the following children of the soldier were living with him; Caty aged twenty-seven years; Betsey, aged eighteen years; and Peggy, aged eleven years.

End Notes—W.20895—Christian Casselman

1. Christian enlisted as a private for one year on March 7, 1776 in Captain Andrew Finck's Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Continental Regiment. This regiment was unnumbered since it was raised to reinforce the American Army in Canada. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 163, National Archives, Washington, D.C. In November of 1776 the Continental Army was Reorganized and enlistments were for three years or during war. On November 21, 1776, Colonel VanSchaick was appointed Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment and Captain Finck was

appointed Captain of the Third Company. Christian enlisted as a private in Captain Finck's company for during war on December 13, 1776. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 8, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. On January 1, 1781, another reorganization of the Continental Army took place. Most of the regiments had more officers than was needed for the amount of enlisted men than would be in the army in 1781. On January 1, the First New York and Third New York Continental Regiments were consolidated into one regiment. The regiment was the First New York and still commanded by Colonel VanSchaick. Captain Fink was discharged and Captain James Gregg of the Third New York was transferred to the First New York and many of the men who had enlisted for during war like Christian were put into Captain Gregg's Company.