

Pension Application for Jacob Chrysman or Chysman

S.31608 Died June 19, 1837.

State of Indiana

Jefferson County SS.

On this 15th day of November 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probates of the County aforesaid now sitting, Jacob Chrysman a resident of Graham Township in the County and State aforesaid aged about seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz).

That in in the summer of the year 1780, (as near as he can recollect) he was drafted at or near Fort Herkimer in what is now called Herkimer County in the State of New York, and served under Captain Frank at Fort Herkimer, for two years; during the principal part of this time, he was a volunteer; but how much of the time he served under the draft and how much, as a volunteer he cannot recollect; at the time he entered the service, he resided on the Mohawk River near Fort Herkimer; after about two years from his entering the service, he enlisted at Fort Herkimer under Capt. McGregor for nine months and continued with Capt. McGregor at Fort Herkimer during that period. During this time, he was in an engagement or skirmish with the Indians at a place called Shaaran [Sharon] in what is not Schoharie [Schoharie] County in the state aforesaid about forty miles from Fort Herkimer; In this engagement colonel Willet commanded and there were eleven whites killed and thirty Indians. After the expiration of the nine months for which he enlisted under Capt. McGregor he again volunteered under his former officer Capt. Frank at Fort Herkimer and continued with him until the war of the Revolution terminated. He was in the Battle of Canada Creek about thirty two miles from Fort Herkimer; Col Willett commanded at the Battle. In this battle, Capt. Butler, a British officer was killed. During all the time he was in the service, he was stationed at Fort Herkimer and then continued except when he was out on scouting parties; or going to engagements as before stated; he has no recollection of the particular days and but a very indistinct recollection of the years when he entered the service; he knows however that in all he was in service a little more than four years.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And in answer to the interrogatories he says he was born at German Flats near Fort Herkimer in the year 1761 as near as he can ascertain.

He has no record of his age.

He was living at German Flats aforesaid when he was called into the service.

After the Revolution he lived in the State of New York, until about fifteen years ago, when he came to the State of Indiana and he now lives in Jefferson County in the State of Indiana aforesaid.

He was first drafted with the service; then for a time was a volunteer; then for nine months an enlisted soldier; and then a volunteer till the end of the war, as before stated.

He served under Capt. Frank, Capt. McGregor and Col. Willet as before stated.

He received a discharge from the service from Col. Willet, which he long since lost.

He had no commission.

He is known to William G. Farrar and William F. Henry in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution but there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Chrysman

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.C. Talbott, Clk

Letter in folder dated October 31, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to one Jacob Chryzman, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The date contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.31608, based upon his military service in that war.

Jacob Chryzman was born at German Flats near Fort Herkimer in 1781, day and month not stated.

While a resident of said German Flats, he entered the service in the summer of 1779 or 1780 and served under Captain Frank at Fort Herkimer for about two years; he then served nine months under Captain McGregor at Fort Herkimer and then served under Captain Frank at Fort Herkimer to the close of the war; having served a little more than four years in all. He was in a skirmish with the Indians at the place called "Shaaran" and in the battle of "Canada Creek" in which engagements Colonel Willet commanded, and in the battle of Johnstown.

After the Revolution he lived in New York State until about 1818 he moved to Indiana.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 15, 1833 while a resident of Graham Township, Jefferson County, Indiana.

He died June 19, 1837, leaving a widow, her name or age not given. There are not further family data.