

Bounty Land for Cristopher Delezen

B.L.Wt.633-300- Capt. Issued Aug 7, 1789 to Richard Platt assignee. No Papers.

Corps of Engineers

Widow: Mary Delezenne

Letter in folder dated June 8, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Christopher Joseph Delezenne, who served in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the claims for pension and bounty land under W.10275, based upon service of Cristopher Delezenne. His name appears, also as Joseph and Joseph C. Delezenne or Delezen. He signed Cristopher Delesenne.

[This file lists Joseph Delezen, the son of Cristopher.]

The date and place of birth of Cristopher Delesenne and names of his parents were not given.

In 1775, the above-names person was a cadet at Ticonderoga and joined the army under General Arthur St. Clair, was at the battle and retreat from Ticonderoga and "in every battle on the northern frontier"; when the army retreated from Canada, he acted as captain of engineers under Colonel Kosciuszko, was at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga, October 17, 1777, and on that date received a commission as Captain of Engineers in the Corps of Engineers commanded by Colonel Kosciuszko, marched to West Point, where he was stationed for almost four years, was then ordered to the south under Colonel Kosciuszko, was in the battle of Eutaw Spring where he received a slight wound on the head after which he was taken sick and returned to West Point, where he remained under the command of Colonel Rochefontaine until the army was disbanded in 1785.

The records show that Warrant No. 635, for three hundred acres of bounty land was issued August 7, 1789, on account of the service of Joseph Delevan (the spelling of name then used), as Captain of a Corps of Engineers, War of the Revolution.

Cristopher Delezenne was allowed pension on his application executed April 4, 1818, while residing in New York City, aged sixty-five years; in 1820, while still living in New York City, he stated he was seventy years of age, with no explanation of the discrepancy. He died June 1828, in New York City.

This officer married February 14, 1778, at Courtland Manor (later Yorktown), Westchester County, New York, Mary [blank], who was born April 27, 1754, place not stated. Her maiden name and names of her parents were not given.

Mary Delezenne, widow of Cristopher, was allowed pension on her application executed October 28, 1836, at which time she was living in Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. She died at Sing Sing, New York, November 29, 1841.

Two sons survived their mother, namely; John, who in 1820 was aged thirty-seven years and a resident of New York City, where he was still living in 1828, but in 1843 he had moved to Honesdale, Wayne County, Pennsylvania, and Joseph E., who in 1836 was aged fifty years and living in Mount Pleasant, New York; in 1843, his place of residence was unknown to his brother, John D.

In 1836, Francis Mikles, (as she signed) sister of Mary Delezenne, widow of this officers, was aged “upwards of seventy years” and a resident of Yorktown, New York.

In 1843, one Joseph C. Delezenne was a resident of Homedale, Pennsylvania; no relationship to this officer was shown.

No further family data are shown in the claim.