

Pension Application for John Ketchum or Ketcham

W.4584 (Phebe Shaw, former widow)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1835 and the 23^d August 1842.

State of Ohio Huron County SS.

On this 3rd day of October 1842, Phebe Schaw a resident of Norwalk in said County personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in said Norwalk within and for said County aged Seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath declare and says make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Acts of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the 23rd August 1842—granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of John Ketchum now deceased who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she is the widow of John Ketchum now deceased who was a soldier and served during the Revolutionary War, as follows viz. That at Crompond West Chester County State of New York & was drafted in the Militia & served under General VanCortland that he served on Long Island in the year 1776 and was severely wounded in a Battle of the retreat of the American Army and was brought to New York City among the wounded by a musket ball which first went through his arm a little above his right wrist and entered his right side of his body – went through his body and came out on the left side—which greatly disabled him through his life, which at times occasioned him much pain that after getting something better he enlisted into the Continental Army of the United Sates and served for the remainder of the war.

The Declarant owing to her old age & consequent loss of memory cannot recollect the officers under whom he served but knows he was in many important battles. That he served at Brandywine. That he accompanied and was with General Sullivan in his Expedition against the Western Indians in the State of New York—was at Saratoga at the surrender of General Burgoyne—was present at York Town at the surrender & Capture of Lord Cornwallis that he served nearly or full seven years during said war—That he was discharged at Newburgh State of New York that his discharge is lots.

That he sometimes while in the service came to see his brothers at Crompond that she saw him twice in said time & that she was married to him after his discharge viz May 26th 1785.

That she was married [???] in said Crompond by the Reverend Mr. Burroughs a minister who she supposes has been a long time dead.

That she had fourteen children by said deceased Husband viz Joseph deceased who if now living would be about fifty six years—Ami—Eliza now wife of Abel Tracy—Nancy now dead—David now living in Orleans County State of New York, Sally Woodsay widow Phebe now dead—Anna now dead—Susan now dead—Charity who died when young—another daughter named Charity now wife of Frederick Sears esq,

now residing in [Bornson?] in said County of Huron Ohio—and Cornelius now living in said [Henvalt?] H. County.

That her said husband for his said wound and services was placed on the pension list of the United States some time between the years 1790 and 1800 at the rate of fifty dollars per annum which was paid him for several years prior to his death.

That the certificate of his pension is lost.

That the certificate of his pension is lost—she cannot now remember any other particular services of her said husband —she presumes that the evidence for which his said pension was granted will appear from a reference to the files of the War Department.

That her said husband died in PhilipsTown, Putnam County State of New York. She further says that after the deceased of her said husband she was the second time married on the 18th September 1815 to Enoch Shaw who is now dead. That she the declarant has ever since the death of her last said husband E. Shaw of [???] of Phebe Ketchum. That she has [?] Bible or other record or other evidence of the above facts. She thinks it was [?] Family Bible but it is lost.

The declarant further says that her said husband was present in the Revolutionary War at the Execution of Major Andrew of the British Army—That she ahs stated that she had fourteen children & has only enumerated only twelve, that the other two died soon after they were born.

She also declares that she was married to the said John Ketchum on the 16th day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five. That her said husband the aforesaid John Ketcham died on the 26th of March 1808 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time before stated.

She further declares that after the death of the husband aforesaid she was married to Enoch Shaw on the 18th day of September 1815—That he died about the sixth day of October AD 1840. And that she is still a widow. (Signed with her mark) Phebe Shaw

Sworn and subscribed the 3d day of October 1842 and I certify that the said Phebe Schaw. The Declarant is a person of truth & veracity. A. G. Sutton Judge of Huron Common Pleas.

By Richard Varrick and Richard Platt of the City of New York Esquires. This is to certify that in pursuance of the law of the State of New York entitled “an act making provisions for officers soldiers and seamen who have been disabled in the service of the United States” passed the 22d April 1786. We have examined John Ketchum of Crompond in the County of Westchester labourer and find that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he enlisted as a private in Captain John Hyatts Company in the Regiment of New York Levies in the service of the United States commanded by Col. Samuel Drake.

That while in the service aforesaid in the company and regiment aforesaid to wit; on the twenty seventy day of August in the same year in an engagement with the

enemy under the command of Sir William Howe near Brooklyn on Long Island he received two wounds from a musket ball one of them in his left arm below the elbow, the other through the body over the Stomach. That he afterwards insited in Captain Samuel Sackets Company in the fourth New York Regiment in the service of the United States commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston which company after the death of Captain Sacket commanded by Capt. Thodorus Fowler that in the beginning of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one the same company was transferred to the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortlandt that he continued in the same company and regiment aforesaid till the close of the war and was discharged on the eight day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty three. That by means of the two wounds aforesaid he is in a great measure rendered incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labour. That on the twenty seventh day of September last he was thirty one years of age.

Wherefore in pursuance of the law aforesaid we do further certify that upon the principles of the act of Congress of the seventh day of June 1785 the said John Ketchum is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a yearly pension of thirty six dollars from the first day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three fi not before paid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of April 1787.

To Peter T. Curtenus Auditor of the State of New York

Richard Varrick

Rich: Platt.

Letter in folder dated April 20, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.4584, it appears that John Ketchum or Ketcham was born September 27, 1756, place not stated.

He enlisted at Crompond, Westchester County, New York, in 1776 and served as a private in Captain John Hyatt's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of Long Island, where wounded in his left arm and side, by a musket ball, was in a hospital for a while; as soon as he was able he enlisted and served in Captain Samuel Sacket's and Captain Theodorus Fowler's Companies, Colonels Henry B. Livingstone's [sic] and Philip VanCortlandt's New York Regiment, he was in the battles of Brandywine, and Saratoga, and at the surrender of Cornwallis and was discharged June 8, 1783.

He was allowed pension by the state of New York under the act of April 22, 1786, from November 1, 1783, on account of disability, resulting from the above mentioned wound.

Soldier married May 26, 1785, near Crompond, New York, Phebe Vanvolzer; he died March 29, 1808 in Phillipstown, Putnam County, New York, and she married, September 18, 1815, Enoch Shaw or Schaw, who died, who died in 1835 or 1838; and she was allowed pension, on account of the services of John Ketchum, on her

application executed October 3, 1842, while a resident of Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio, aged seventy-seven years. She died August 13, 1844.

The children of John and Phebe Ketchum in 1842—Ami; Adeliza or Eliza, wife of Abel Tracy, she was fifty-three years old and living in Huron County, Ohio; David, living in Orleans County, New York; Sally Wood, a widow, Charity, wife of Frederick sears, and living in Bronson Township, Huron County, Ohio; Cornelius, aged thirty-five years, and living in Norwalk, Ohio.

The following children died prior to 1842—Joseph who married, name of wife not given, nor any details; Nancy; Phebe; Anna; Susan; and Charity, who died when quite young.