

Pension Application for Christian Shafer

R.9410

B.L.Wt99505-160-55

Widow: Elizabeth Keyser, married May 1782.

This request for pension was refused because Christian served less than a month and proof of six months service was necessary for a pension. The widow, Elizabeth supplied many people who repeated the same facts presented below and also many people who testified she was indeed married to Christian.

Letter in file dated October 11, 1930, written in response to a request for information.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.9410, that Christian Shafer enlisted in the fall of 1780 and served as private, at various times, in Captain Jacob Heager's company, Colonel Vrooman's New York regiment, was stationed at the upper fort on Schoharie Creek, was out on scouting parties and had a skirmish with the Indians and Tories at Boucks (?) Island, where taken prisoner and carried down the Delaware River, but soon made his escape and served until the close of the war.

He died December 23, 1820, in Blenheim, Schoharie County, New York.

The soldier married in May, 1782, in Schoharie, New York, Elizabeth Keyser.

She was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction for the service rendered.

In 1852, she was aged eighty-five years and a resident of Blenheim, New York, and in 1860 she was still living in Blenheim.

It is stated that they "raised a family", no names given.