

Pension Application for Frederick Shaff

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Private, Captain French, Colonel VanCortland
County of Pike SS.

On this twentieth day of April eighteen hundred and thirty, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record in and for the County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania, Frederick Shaff, residing in said County, aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress, of the eighteenth of March eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the first of many eighteen hundred & twenty that the said Frederick Shaff enlisted for the term of nine months, about seven or eight weeks before the battle of Monmouth in the year 1779 in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain French in the regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCourtland in the line of the State of New York on the army Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps for nine months or more, when he was discharged from the service in Ulster County in the state of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state, except New York, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he had applied heretofore for a pension but that his application and papers were returned not being formally executed, and in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear, that as a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in land or naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the eighteenth day of March 1817 and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed, that since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. That owing to my indigence I was compelled to take the benefit of the [?] laws of the State of Pennsylvania and am now in indigent circumstances.

Sworn to, and declared on the twentieth day of April A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty in open court.
(Signed) Frederick Shaff

I Charles B. Seaman prothonotary of said court do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the court, that the said Frederick Shaff did serve in the Revolutionary War, as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy, for the term of nine months, under one engagement on the Continental Establishment. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on this twentieth day of April A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty. C. B. Seaman, Court of Common Pleas

County of Pike SS. State of Pennsylvania.

Schedule of the property of the above names Frederick Shaff which he had on the twentieth day of April 1830 and which he now has. Two beds & bedding. One Rifle Gun. (Signed) Frederick Shaff.

March 27th 1855, Frederick Shaff made claim for bounty lands. He stated he was one hundred years old and a resident of Berkshire, County of Tioga and State of New York.