

Pension Application for Comfort Shaw

R.9442 (Widow: Mary)

Declaration

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne SS.

On this 19th day of January 1852 personally came before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas within & for the County & State aforesaid Mary Shaw, aged eighty five years; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath aforesaid make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows & the joint resolution of Congress approved July 7, 1838.

That she resides in Exeter Township in the County & State aforesaid—that she is the widow of Comfort Shaw deceased, who was a private in the war of the Revolution, but she is not able to State what company he was in nor by whom commanded, nor the number of the regiment nor the name of the Col. Nor whether he was enlisted or drafted or volunteered nor how long he continued in the service.

She further states that she was married to the said Comfort Shaw sometime during the summer of the year 1783 by one Col. William Pierce a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Dutchess State of New York. That she does not know that there is any record public or private, of her said marriage; that he name before her marriage with said Comfort Shaw was Mary Billings, that her husband Comfort Shaw died at Exeter in the County & State aforesaid on the 7th day of October 1833. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz, at the time above stated & that she ahs remained a widow ever since the death of her husband Comfort Shaw, as will appear by the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Mary Shaw.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me on the day & year above written. Witness present. Benjm. Jenkins, Henry Courtright. William Hancock Associate Judge, a Judge of Luzerne Common Pleas.

Letter in file dated April 8, 1911, replying to a request for information.

In reply to your letter dated the 29th and received the 30th Ultimo, you are herewith furnished the history of Artemadores Ingersoll, Sur. File no 39,767, and the following data which is the only information relative to the two Comfort Shaws found on the Revolutionary War pension records.

In the papers in claim R. File no. 9,442 it is alleged that Comfort Shaw, Junior, was a Private in the New York Line during the Revolutionary War, and that Comfort Shaw, Senior was a Captain, but there are no particulars given of the service of either.

Comfort Shaw, Junior married in Dutchess County, New York; in the Summer of 1783, Mary Billings. He died October 7, 1833, in Exeter Township, Luzerne County Pennsylvania, where she resided and was eighty-five years of age when she applied for pension January 19, 1852, but her claim was not allowed as she failed to state her husband's service, or furnish any proof thereof.

In 1851, it is stated that Comfort and Mary Shaw had eleven children; viz. Kesiah born 1784; Comfort aged sixty-five years; John deceased, who would have been sixty-three years; Increased deceased, who would have been sixty-one years; Catharine fifty-eight years; James fifty-five years; Cyrus about fifty-three years; Mary fifty-one years; Henry forty-nine years; Nancy deceased, who would have been forty –six years; and Samuel deceased, who would have been forty-two years.