

Pension Application for William Shaw

W.16,405 (Widow: Ede) William died 27 or 29, Nov. 1821. He was a Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain Smith in the Regt commanded by Colonel Malcolm in the N. York Line. Continental, New York Line
State of New York
Sullivan County SS.

On this 15th day of May 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Ede Shaw, a resident of the Town of Liberty in said County and State, aged 78 years on the 15th day of December last, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836—That she is the widow of William Shaw who was a private soldier and Sergeant in the Revolutionary War. That he the said William then residing in Dutchess County & State of New York and serve[d] as a soldier in Captain Smith's Company of Malitia [sic] in 1776 and that her said husband was out on duty at Peekskill and at different places along the Hudson River during the year of 1776—and was absent from home nearly six months. Then enlisted for three years and served as a Sergeant was absent from home about nine months before he returned and then came home on furlow [furlough] and remained at home about two weeks then went from home again and was gone for some time that he came home three or four times on furlow during his three years service and the last time he did not return under one year as he was a great distance from home and after he returned home he hired a substitute on any alarms till peace. That she cannot give the officers name under whom her said Husband served and has not any documentary evidence in her possession and must rely upon the records for proof thereof. She further declares that she was married to the said William Shaw on the first day of April 1774, and that her husband the aforesaid William Shaw died on the 29th day of November 1821, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more more [sic] fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Ede Shaw.

Sworn and Subscribed this 15th day of May 1837 before me Thomas Crary one of the Judges of Sullivan Comm. Pleas

I the said Judge do testify upon a personal examination that Ede Shaw who signed and made oath to the foregoing declaration is old and infirm and cannot attend the sitting of the County Court dated May 15, 1837. Thomas Crary, Judge of Sullivan Common Pleas.

Letter dated February 8, 1934, responding to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to William Shaw, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who served from New York State.

The data given below are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16405, based upon the military service in that war of William Shaw, the only soldier of that name who served from the state of New York, found on the records of this office.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of William Shaw are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing in Dutchess County, New York, William Shaw enlisted sometime in 1776, and served nearly six months as a private in Captain Smith's New York Company; he again enlisted and served as a sergeant in Captain Kearsley's Company, Colonel Malcolm's Regiment; length of service, three years.

He died November 27 or 29, 1821, place not shown.

The soldier married April 1, 1774, Ede or Edey Edwards, who was born December 15, 1758. The place of their marriage was not shown but they were married by squire Humphrey, a Justice of the Peace for Dutchess County, New York.

Soldier's widow, Ede, was allowed pension on her application executed May 15, 1837, while residing in liberty, Sullivan County, New York.

The following family data appears:

Mary Shaw born February 2, 1775.

Elisebeth born December 28, 1777.

Samuel born November 15, 1779.

Aaron Shaw, date of birth not given.

There are no further data as to family.

Ede Shaw, widow of William Shaw, Certificate No. 1938, issued April 16, 1838, rate \$85 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, Act of July 4, 1836, New York Agency