

Pension Application for John Shufelt or Shufeldt

W.22188 (Widow: Catharine or Catrena Weaver) Served under Captain Harmon, Col. Graham. They married October 24 1784. John died October 18, 1838; Catharine died October 20, 1846. Catharine was 76 years in 1839 when she applied for widow's pension benefits.

State of New York, County of Columbia SS.

On this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the court of Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson State & County aforesaid now sitting.

John Shufeld a resident of the town of Ghent in the County of Columbia and State of New York, aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated:

This deponent entered the service of the United States under two separate engagements, as a hired substitute in the Militia of the State of New York, for Barent Ostrum.

His first engagement & period of service commenced the first of June one thousand seven hundred & eighty. He engaged for three, but was not discharged from the service until the expiration of five months, to the best of his recollection he was discharged on the last day of October in the same year—When he so entered the service he resided at Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess—he was attached to the company of Captain John Hermance in Colonel Graham's regiment of Infantry—From Rhinebeck he marched with his company to West Point where they remained a few weeks, & thence proceeded to the vicinity of New York, new Kingsbridge they remained a short time in a fort or in a fortified encampment, & then moved to Fort Edward where they remained stationed, until discharged—It was during this interval that Fort George was taken by the British.—Deponent further saith that there were no continental troops employed on the same service—He was engaged in no battles—and his period of service did not bring him acquainted with any of the officers of the Continental Regiments or companies—and the Colonel of the Regiment & the Captain of the Company to which he belonged viz: Colonel Graham whose Christian name he thinks was Charles, and Captain John Hermance, are the only militia officers whose names he recollects—He further saith that he received no written discharge, and that he had no documentary evidence of the part of his service, as above stated, nor does he know of any person living who can testify to his service, except his brother William Shofeldt who resides in the town of Windham in the County of Greene in the State of New York, & who served in the same company with deponent during the aforesaid period of five months. Deponent entered the service of the United States under his second engagement as a hired substitute for same Barent Ostrum on the first of April one thousand seven hundred & eighty one, and continued in said service nine months that being the period of his said engagement, at the expiration of which he was discharged—When he so entered the service, he resided in the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess aforesaid.

He was attached to Captain Henry Paulding's Company in Colonel Graham's Regiment of New York Militia—These officers & Lieutenant John Ostrander who was attached to the same company & one Fonda who was the adjutant of the Regiment. Are the only officers whom he recollects—In the course of his service he did not become acquainted with any of the officers of the Regular or Continental army, as no Continental troops were employed upon the same service with the Militia to which deponent belonged—

From Rhinebeck he marched with his company to Fishkill in the said County of Dutchess, land from thence they proceeded to the vicinity of Woodstock or Saugerties in the County of Ulster in the State of New York to repel the Indians—He remained upon that service until his term expired, when he was discharged but received no written discharge—He possesses no documentary evidence of the fact of his service, as last above started, no does he know of any person living, who can testify thereto

except John Welch of the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess aforesaid, who remembers on one occasion during the aforesaid period of nine months to have seen deponent at or near Saugerties in the said County of Ulster, & then knew him to be engaged in the Service of the United States as a militia man.

The deponent further saith that he was born at Coxsackie in the County of Greene & State of New York, on the Second of October in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty two as appears by the family record, which is now in his possession—At the close of the revolutionary war, he resided in the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess aforesaid & continued a resident of said town for seven or eight years, after which he became a resident of the town of Hillsdale in the County of Columbia aforesaid & continued such for about the same period when he removed to the town of Ghent in the same county, where he has ever since resided.

The deponent further saith that he is personally known in the neighborhood where he now resides, to John J. Milles Esquire first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Columbia, Harman Sagendorf, Esquire, formerly a Justice of the Peace of said County, William Rockefeller a Justice of the Peace of said County. John Woodbeck & Adam Sagendorf, who can testify to deponents character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Deponent further saith that he does not recollect any other Militia Regiment being with the Regiment in which he served—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) John Shufelt.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John D. Parker Clerk.

Letter in file dated February 10, 1931

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.22188, that John Shufelt or Shufeldt was born October 2, 1782 in Coxsackie, Greene County, New York.

While residing in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows—

From June 1, 1780 or 1781, five months in Captain John Hermance's Company, Colonel Graham's Regiment, he stated that his brother William served with him in this tour; from April of the next year, nine months in Captain Henry Pawling's Company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 17, 1832, at which time he was living in Ghent, Columbia County, New York.

He died October 18, 1838.

The soldier married October 2, 1784 in Rhinebeck, New York, Catharine (Catrena) Weaver.

She was allowed pension on her application executed June 10, 1839, while a resident of Ghent, New York, and aged seventy-six years.

She died October 20, 1846 in Claverack, New York.

The following children survived their mother.

John I. Shufelt, residing in Claverack, New York; in 1852 he was living in Rotterdam, New York; Sally Shufelt, residing in Watervliet, New York; Jacob Shufelt, residing in Ghent, New York.