

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Christian Orendorff S38281

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State of Maryland. Frederick County Sct.

On this sixteenth day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the fifth Judicial district of said state personally appears Christian Orendorff aged 60 years, resident in Frederick County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Christian Orendorff was appointed a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain [John] Reynolds of the flying Camp; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until he was taken prisoner at the surrender of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776] and so continued to the 1st Novr 1780, when he was exchanged, when he joined the 6th Maryland Reg't. as Capt. having received an appointment as Captain in 1777, that he was in the battles of Hearlem's Heights at York Island [sic: Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776], at the White Plains [28 Oct 1776] and at Fort Washington on York Island and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

State of Virginia/ Jefferson County Towit

Among the records of the County Court of Jefferson is the following, towit

Jefferson County Va. Sct.

On this 28th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County Christian Orndorff aged [blank] years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, That he belonged to the Maryland line as a Capt. in the 6th Maryland Reg't. and served six years from 1776 to 1782 and was in the battle of Harlem Heights on York Island, at the battle of the White Plains, at the Surrender of Fort Washington on York Island and taken prisoner, was regularly exchanged and joined the army again and was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. And I have received a pension in virtue of a certificate no. 2823 –

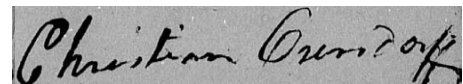
schedule/ I have no property whatever

Christian Orndorff

NOTES:

A Treasury Department document states that the children of Christian Orendorff received his final pension payment up to the date of his death, 1 Oct 1824.

On 14 Nov 1820 Christian applied to have his pension transferred to Virginia, having moved to Jefferson County. He stated that he had served under Col. Otho Holland Williams, and signed as shown:



A letter dated 20 March 1840 refers to a Mr. Shafer as son-in-law of Christian Orendorff.