

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Shaffer W2868

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[f p. 7]

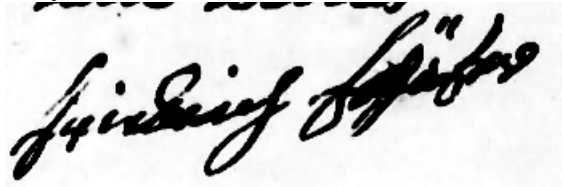
State of Pennsylvania Lycoming County SS

On this 15th day of June in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for the County of Lycoming in the State of Pennsylvania personally appeared Frederick Shaffer aged seventy-five years, resident in the said County of Lycoming 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 Frederick Shaffer enlisted in New Town in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Sheriff in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Armong [probably Col. Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouarie ?] of the Virginia Grenadiers in the year 1778 or 1779 for 4 years, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States from the time of his enlistment until the end of the war when he was discharged from service in the Town of little York in the State of Pennsylvania, that he was not in any battles, being generally sent out on scouting parties – 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.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Hopburn

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frederick Shaffer", written in dark ink on a light background.

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District of Pennsylvania SS

On this 4th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court of common pleas, held in Williamsport for the County of Lycoming being a Court of record proceeding according to the Course of Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of proceedings Frederick Shaffer aged seventy-seven years resident in Lycoming County in said district who being 1st duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War in the company commanded by Captain Frederick Shariff in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Ermonq

in the line of the State of Virginia and has obtained a pension under the Act of the 18th of March 1818, his certificate being Numbered 9433 and dated the 16th day of April A.D. 1819, to commence June 15th, 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the 4th of September 1820

S/ Thos. Hays, Protty

Signed in German Frederick Shaffer

Schedule of Property

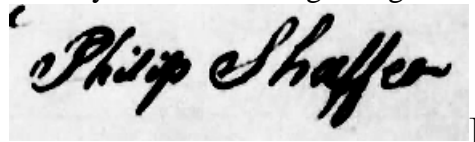
I have besides necessary clothing and bedding

2 cows, to sheep, one calf, & 1 shoat	\$35.00
1 Walnut table one half dozen chairs 2 iron pots	15.00
1 frying pan, 2 pine tables, one bucket	3.25
½ dozen cups and saucers, ½ dozen knives and forks & 4 plates	<u>1.55</u>
	\$54.80

I am by trade a taylor [tailor] but by age and infirmities I am not able to pursue that occupation. I have three children residing with me viz. Frederick age 21 years, Margaret age 19, Sarah aged 18 years and my wife Margaret age 60 years & is infirm like myself

Signed in German Frederick Shaffer

[f p. 10: On September 19, 1846 in Clinton County Pennsylvania, Philip Shaffer, 53, filed an application under the 1838 act for the pension due his mother, Margaret Shaffer, widow of Frederick Shaffer in which he states his father died about the 1st of August 1822 leaving Margaret Shaffer his widow; that they were married in York County Pennsylvania prior to 1794 as early as about the beginning of 1784; that Margaret Shaffer died September 22, 1839



[f p. 4: Finding dated September 18, 1850 by the court of Clinton County Pennsylvania that Margaret Shaffer the widow of Frederick Schaeffer a revolutionary pensioner died September 22nd, 1839 and left 9 children her surviving: John, Catherine, Susannah, Elizabeth, Philip, Polly, Frederick, Margaret and Sarah, all over the age of 21 years.]

[f p. 5: Affidavit dated September 18, 1850 in the court in Clinton County Pennsylvania given by John Shaffer, son of Margaret Shaffer, widow of Frederick Shaffer a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his mother's maiden name was Margaret Grubb; that his parents were married in Lewisburg, York County Pennsylvania in 1783 or 1784 that his father died in Chapman Township in Lycoming County (now Clinton) September 22, 1839.

John Sheffer

[facts in file: In 1846, the female children of the veteran and his widow are identified in the documents in the file as follows: Catharine, wife of Samuel Chapman of Clinton County Pennsylvania; Elizabeth wife of David Summerson, of Clinton County Pennsylvania; Susannah, wife of John Lashbaugh of Michigan; Mary wife of John Johnson (place of residence not stated); Sarah wife of Joseph Summerson of Clinton County Pennsylvania

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 4 years. Veteran's widow's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending with her death on September 22nd, 1839.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) has posted in its online collection the following relating to this veteran:

THIS is to certify that *Fredrick Skafon a private in the grenadier*  
in the *First Partisan Legion*, under my Command, has served  
*faithfully & bravely* — to this Day, is hereby discharged from  
the Service of the *United States*, in Purfuance of Orders received from  
the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I farther certify that *Fredrick Skafon a private in the grenadier* having  
been *inlisted in the State of Virginia* is intituled by the  
Resolution of Congress, of the *13th February, 1779*, to the Benefits  
that have been, or hereafter shall be, granted by the said State to the  
Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at *York Town*, this *3<sup>rd</sup>* Day of  
*November, 1783*.

*C. Armand de la Rouarie* Brigadier General  
Entered in the Books of the Legion.

Attest.  
*Godfried Swartz*  
Adjutant of the Legion.

signed by C Armand, Marquis de la Rouarie  
attested by Godfried Swartz, Adjutant