

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christian Shockey W2968
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Pennsylvania } SS
Somerset County }

Personally Came Before me the Subscriber a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Christian Shockey and he Being Sworn according to Law Did Depose and Say that he Entered the Sevice of the united State on the 7th of April 1777 and that he continued therein until the end of the war and that he Received an honorable Discharge Signed by Col Josiah Harmon and that he served in Capt. John Doyls [sic: John Doyle's] Company in the first Pennsylvania Rigt and said Discharge was Left at the war office when this Deponent Drew his Land warrant and that said Deponant is now old and Poor not able to Support him self by Labour and said Christian Shockey Doth hereby quit Claim to his former Pesion which he now Draws from the united States so soon as he shall be Place on the Pension List under the Law Passed in the year of our Lord 1818 for the Relief of the officers and soldiers

Sworn and Subscribed Before me this 4th May 1818 [signed] Christ'n. Shockey
Wm. Gore, Elder

[According to a typed summary, the pension alluded to above was for an unspecified disability under the act of 25 Apr 1808. Shockey's application made in 1818 was not found in his file.]

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On this 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared Christian Shockey in open Court being a Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Somerset aged sixty seven years Resident in the said county of Somerset, who first being duly sworn according to law Doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows The first Regiment Capt. John Doyle's Company Pennsylvania line and placed on the pension list on the fourth day of May 1818.

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 person 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.

Christian shockeys schedule of property in Elklick Township Somerset County Pennsylvania

1 Old mare & Colt	\$15.00
1 Cow dry	6.00
1 Heiffer	3.00
1 Broken tin plated stove	10.00
1 Bereau	4.00
1 Set of horse geers	1.50
1 Old [illegible word] & grubing hoe	1.25
2 Old weding hoes	.25
5 knives & forks	.37½
6 Spoons	.37½
1 Set of Cups & saucers	.37½
1 Log Chain	1.25

2 Tin Buckets	1.50
Several Old Barrells & Tubs	.75
2 Augurs and one chissel	.50
1 Old Iron wedge	.12
1 Old chest	.75
1 Dresser	3.00
1 Table	.75
1 Old womens Saddle and Bridle	2.00
1 Mans saddle & bridle	6.00
1 House & lot worth \$150 there being } debts for joiners work, planks, glass, nails} and Masonery Work \$125 which leaves } <u>25.00</u>	
	\$83.77

My age 66 years and seven months Occupation Labourer, my wife 61 years, spinster.

One Daughter 16 D[itt]o Do

1 Granddaughter 10 years

[signed] Christian Shockey

NOTE: On 15 Oct 1838 Mary Shockey, 80, applied for a pension stating that Christian Shockey had been a noncommissioned officer, that he was at the surrender of Cornwallis in Yorktown VA on 19 Oct 1781, that she married him in Sep 1784, and he died on 18 Apr 1829. On 21 Mar 1840 she added that they had been married in Hagerstown MD by a Rev. Young and had 11 children, nine of whom were still living. She listed the following from Christian Shockey's family record:

Valentine Born May 5th 1785

William Born Thursday the 11 of November 1786 about 9 oClock in Evng

Christian Born the 10th of September 1788 about 2 oClock PM

Mary Born the 14th of November 1790 on Saturday about 6 oClock AM

Abraham Born the 21st February 1793 on Thursday Evening

Barbara Born Monday the 9th of February 1795 between 7 & 8 oClock AM

Levi Born May the 16th 1797

Peggy Born the 6th of December 1799

Nancy Born May 19th 1802

Drusilla Born Friday the 7th of May 1805 between 9 & 10 oClock in the forenoon

On 18 Nov 1837 Mary or Berlia Nickels deposed that she had been present at the marriage of Christian Shockey to Mary Welch. On 1 Apr 1841 one Abraham Shockey deposed that he had been present at the marriage of Christian Shockey to Mary Welsh. An 1877 letter in the file refers to Hulda Knee, daughter of Christian Shockey, Jr., to whom the family Bible was returned by the Pension Office.