

## Pension Application for Lambert Schaefer

S.6059

State of Ohio

County of Huron SS. Norwalk

On the 23 day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me Timothy Baker one of the associate judges of the Court of Common Pleas within and for said County, Lambert Schaefer resident in Townsend in said county who being firstly duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in addition to his former declaration made before the Supreme Court held in said Norwalk on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July AD 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June A.D 1832. The Declarant says that he was born in the Town of Coverskill [Cobleskill] in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York on the 11th of February one thousand seven hundred & fifty three. He has now no record of his age but his father kept a record of his age, who is now dead & he don't know what has become of it. When he was called into the service of the United States, he lived in said Coverskill. That the said Revolutionary War, he lived in said Coverskill between twenty & thirty years from thence he went to Madison County State of New York where he lived as much as four years from thence he moved to Florence, from thence to Elkbridge from thence to Townsend in said county of Huron where he has ever since & now lives.

The Declarant further says that in his former said Declaration the Rev'd Joshua Phillips Clergyman and George Kellogg were his neighbors who testified as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution & he now mentions Samuel Preston Esqr & William Matthewson his neighbors who can also testify respecting his character for veracity. (Signed) Lambert Schaefer

Sworn & Subscribed before me at Norwalk this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Feby 1833. Timothy Baker. Judge of Common Pleas.

[Many of the papers in this folder are badly water damaged and not legible.]

Reply to a letter of inquiry dated August 9, 1933.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Lambert Schaefer.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.6059, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Lambert Schaefer.

He was born February 11, 1753 at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, the names of his parents not given.

While residing at Cobleskill, New York, Lambert Schaefer enlisted in 1775 and served nine months as private in Captain Christian Brown's (1) company, Colonel Peter Vrooman's New York regiment, and was at Fort Stanwix, Fort Edward, and on Lake Champlain. He also served from in 1776 until in 1783 at various times in Captain Brown's (2) company and in other companies, in Colonel Vrooman's regiment, this service amounted to about three years.

After the Revolution, Lambert Schaefer lived in Cobleskill, New York between twenty and thirty years, then to Madison County, New York, where he lived four years, thence to Florence, to Elldridge, and Townsend, Huron County, Ohio.

The soldier, Lambert Schaefer, was allowed pension on his application executed, July 27, 1832, then a resident of Townsend, Ohio.

There are no data in this claim relative to family.

The following is from genealogical research by Herman Witthoft, Sr.

Lambert SCHAEFFER (Johann Henrich SCHAEFFER, Johannes SCHAEFFER, Maria Elizabeth) was born 11 Feb 1753 in Schoharie, Schoharie Co., NY and was christened Feb 1753 in Schoharie, Schoharie Co., NY. He died 1833 in Florence, Erie Co., OH, USA and was buried 1833 in Florence, Erie Co., OH.

MARRIAGE: Recorded: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Schoharie, Schoharie Co., NY. Lambert Schaffer, Sara Freymeyer. Lambert apparently married second wife named Mary.

MILITARY: Served in the Revolutionary War along with his brothers John, Henry, and his half brother Jacob.

MILITARY: MILITARY RECORDS OF SCHOHARIE COUNTY VETERANS, WAR OF REVOLUTION, George H. Warner, 1891; Fifteenth Regiment, New York Levies and Militia, Lambert Shafer, did service under Miller. (3) On 27 Jul 1832, Lambert Schaefer, resident of Townsend, Huron Co., and 80 years of age, appeared in Norwalk, Huron Co., OH, before the Superior Court to apply for benefits under the act of Congress passed 7 Jun 1832. In the affidavit written at this time he stated that he entered the Continental Army in 1775 as a private for nine months into a company commanded by Captain Christian Braun or Brown, (4) in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Vrooman. He first served at Fort Stanwix and from there he went to and served at Fort Edward and from thence he went to Lake Champlain. At the end of the said nine months he was honorably discharged, the discharge of which was lost. Lambert then served in the Militia of the State of New York commanded by Captain Brown and Colonel Vrooman from 1776 to the time of peace of 1783.

RESIDENCES: In his pension papers, Lambert stated that since the Revolutionary War he lived in Coverskill for between 20-30 years, from thence he went to Madison Co., NY, where he lived as much as four years. From thence he moved to Florence from thence to Eldridge and from thence to Townsend in the County of Huron, OH.

Lambert married Sara FREEMIRE, daughter of Johannes FREYMEYER- and Anna MATTICE- on 8 Oct 1775 in Schoharie, Schoharie Co., NY. Sara was born 17 Nov 1756 in Schoharie, Schoharie Co., NY. She died in 1821. They had the following children:

Lambert SCHAEFFER Jr.- was born 7 Jun 1776 and died about 1853.

Abraham SCHAEFFER- was born 8 Jun 1778.

Catharine SCHAEFFER- was born 31 Aug 1779 in

Elizabeth SCHAEFFER was born 19 Oct 1785 and died 22 Feb 1848.

Anna SCHAEFFER was born 8 Aug 1792

Eva SCHAEFFER- was born 24 Jan 1795

Henry SCHAEFFER-was born 19 Sep 1799

End Notes—S.6059—Lambert Schaefer or Shafer, Shaver, Schefer, etc.

1. Lambert is in error. Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia was not organized until October 20, 1775. Christian Brown was not commissioned captain until February 20, 1778. The militia were seldom in service for nine continuous months unless attached to the Continental Army on campaign. Also nothing much was happening at Fort Stanwix at this time because the fort was in disrepair. It wasn't until 1776 that the effort under various engineers and troops, was rebuilt and renamed Fort Schuyler in honor of Major General Philip Schuyler.
2. The other officers of Captain Brown's Company were Hendrick Borst as First Lieutenant, Jacob Borst as Second Lieutenant and Johannes H. Scheffer as Ensign. On October 30, 1778, Nicholas Warner was appointed Ensign in place of Scheffer.
3. Dirck Miller was commissioned captain on February 20, 1778 in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
4. In "List of a Detachment of Man of Coll. Van Rensler's Regt Stationed at Fort Dupoys [or Fort DuBois] under the command Henry Borst Lieut" is found the following: Priv Lymberd Schefer August 1-Sept 4 1779. This document was found in Colonel Vrooman's papers after his death. Why VanRensselaer's name is listed is unknown because all the men on the list were from Colonel Vrooman's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 167, National Archives, Washington, D.C.