



Captain Christian WEHR

1731-1824

Farmer, soldier, spy?

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- All the errors, assumptions, and wild guesses are mine.

Early days

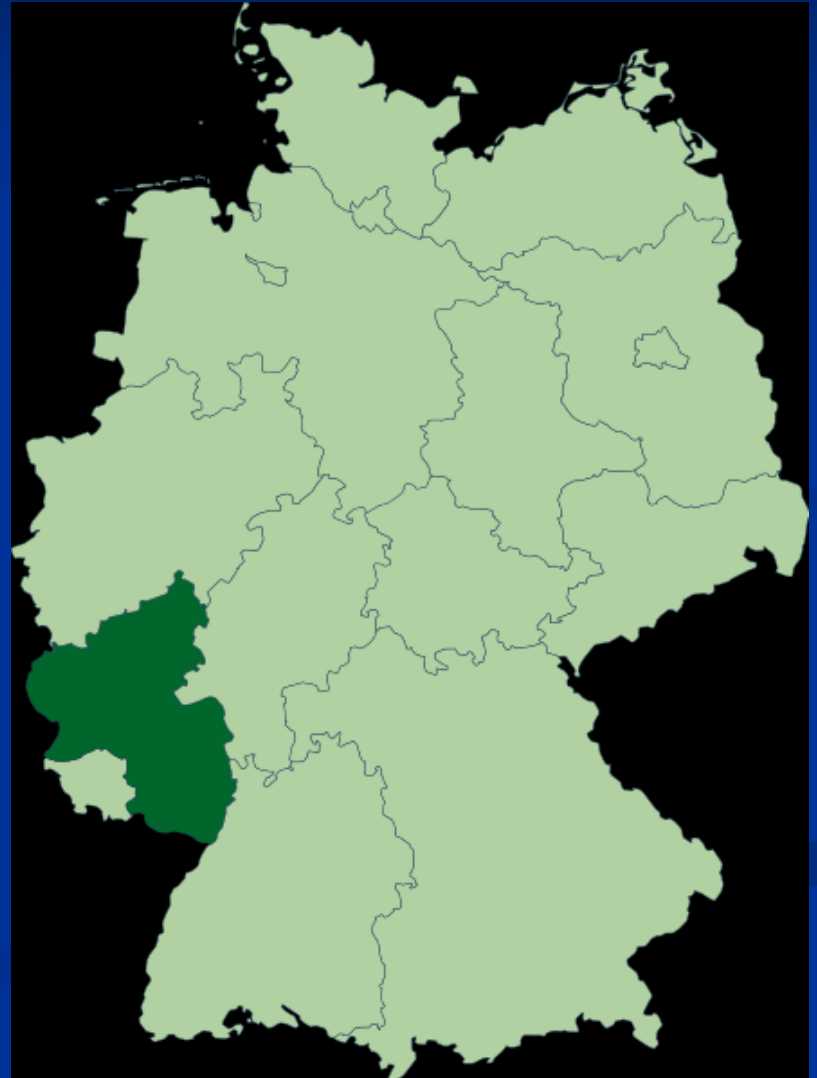
- Born 1731
- Most probably in the Palatinate, Germany

1700's

Palatinate

Today:

Rheinland-Pfalz



Early US life

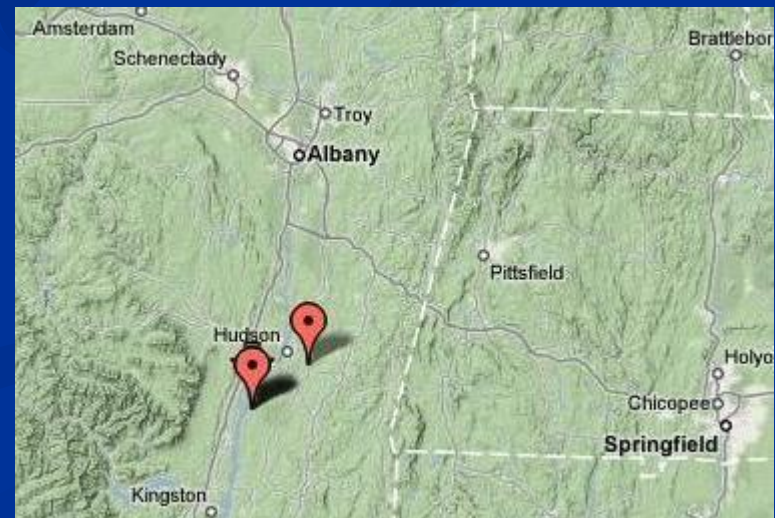
- Came to US in ??? - ‘foreigner’
- Married Gertrude Hauver in Germantown ??
- Was a farmer in Claverack, NY, near Albany.
Farm was given to him by father-in-law,
Christian Hauver/Haver
- Son Christian Wehr Junior born 20 Feb 1774

Claverack farm

- In a report to a British parliamentary commission investigating the reparations claims of United Empire Loyalists, *Wehr* detailed his losses: “a good frame House...30 acres...2 cows – 2 Heifers – 18 Sheep-14 Hogs –furniture and Utensils -...The Rebels took them in the Winter of 1778”.

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Missisquoi Museum



Revolutionary war service

Points in time, rather than narrative

- 1777 Lieutenant
- 1777 Captain
- 1778 Captain
- 1779 Captain
- 1781 Lieutenant
- 1782 Secret Service

Revolutionary war service

7 years

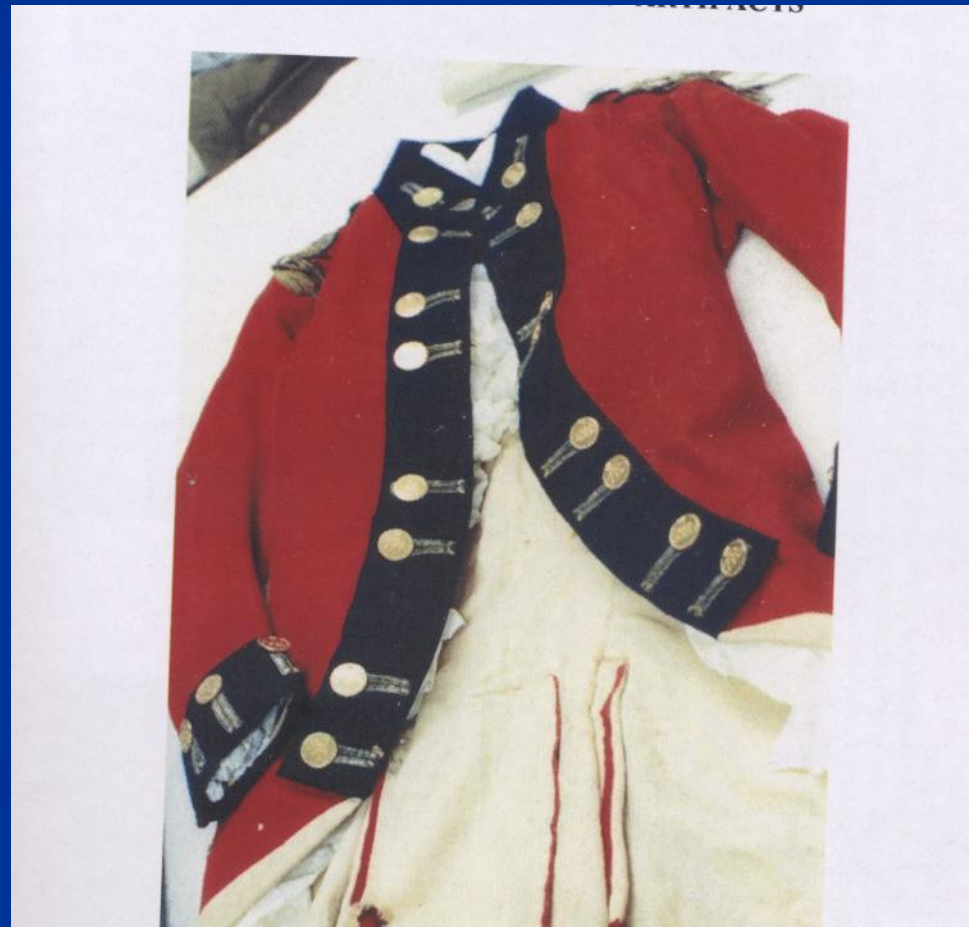
- 1777 Enlists as Lieutenant
- 1777-78 Captain, King's Loyal Americans (Jessup's Rangers)
- 1779 Captain, Loyal Volunteers - Sorel
- 1781 Lieutenant, King's Royal Regiment of New York (2nd Battalion) – Sorel
- 1782 Secret Service - in Canada
- 1782 Lieutenant – St-John's

Uniforms

- Christian Wehr's Musket in Missisquoi Museum



- Regimental jacket
King's Royal Yorkers
Ca 1779-80's
(Lt Jeremiah French
In same battalion)



1781: Secret Service in Canada

- “This department employed reliable, hardy, imaginative, courageous men for scouting the enemy’s defences, carrying dispatches through enemy lines, gathering intelligence of enemy movements and discharging other hazardous duties of a secret and sensitive nature”
Cruikshank/Watt.

No details have been found, but Christian Wehr would have been about 50 at the time.

After the war

- “When the first settlers came in to this region and established themselves along the shores of Missisquoi Bay, they came with what they could carry on their backs, by boat, on frozen waterways or on an ox cart. Their belongings were meagre and many people like **Christian Wehr**, who had served King George III during the American Revolutionary War, left behind prosperous farms and businesses in order to escape persecution in the newly formed United States.”

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After the war

- Settled Missisquoi Bay 1785
- Farm in Seigneurie of St-Armand
- ‘Many Loyalists of German stock settled at Philipsburg, notably Christian Wehr, a leader of the Missisquoi colony’

After the war

- Many petitions – Lower Canada Land Grants
- Haldimand orders & threats
- Participation in life of community
 - Many signatures on BMS
- Well educated?
 - Signature
- Numerous references in many books, articles
 - Member of Legislative Assembly???

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christian Weber". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

War of 1812

- Captain 4th Battalion Townships militia, 22 Nov 1806 (age 75), farmer, Saint-Armand
- Son Captain 4th Battalion Townships militia, 22 Nov 1806, farmer, Saint-Armand
- Currently no other information on what they did

- Died 31 Dec 1824
- Buried in Philipsburg
Protestant cemetery
Jan 1825



Family tree at time of death

- I. Christian Wehr and Gertrude Hauver
- II. Christian Wehr Jr and Catherine Best
- III. Elizabeth, Catherine, Gertrude, John Peter,
Hannah Maria, Charlotte Augusta Matilda,
George Augustus Frederic, Eliza Amanda

What kind of man?

- Stubborn?
- Tenacious
- Courageous
- Healthy
- Educated
- Well-respected
- Concerned for welfare of others?

Descendants - military

- Christian Wehr Jr Captain in militia War of 1812
- Charles Roderick Wehr, cadet Royal Air Force, died 1918, age 30 (Bur. Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge Cemetery)

Last home owned by Wehr



- Home of Charles Christian Wehr and Mary Ann Scahill
(4th generation)
Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge, QC



Descendants

- Last with family name Wehr

Julia Wehr UEL 1882-1978

(5th generation)



Born Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge

Died Montreal

Buried Notre-Dame-de-Stanbridge

Many descendants

- One of your branch's founders, Mary Sheridan (Arsène Galipeau) is a descendant
- Other names Gosselin, Dussault, Larivière, James, Johnson, Jones, Martin . . .
- Found many more during 2007 UEL research: Bockus, Brill, Gilbert, Sager, Stenhour, Hatch . . .

Conclusion - Wehr descendants

ON DISPLAY

- Genealogical booklet (work-in-progress)
- Family tree: 7 generations of descendants
- Add your name, address, e-mail, etc, for exchanges
- Feel free to scribble on either