

## **Christian Meyer Fretz**

Christian Meyer Fretz was born in 1734 in Bedminster township, Bucks County. He was the third son of the immigrant John "Weaver" Fretz and Barbara Meyer. He married his neighbor, Barbara Oberholtzer, who bore him 12 children. Christian Meyer Fretz died in 1803 and is buried in the Deep Run Mennonite East cemetery in Bedminster.

Ironically enough, both of my parents can count him in their heritage, so he was my first choice to be able to honor as a patriot (*Betsy Kramer*). At the time of the revolutionary war, he was in his early forties, a Mennonite by faith, a weaver by trade, married and had several grown sons. According to the Pennsylvania Archives, Private First Class Christian Fretz was in the second battalion of the Bedminster Company under Captains John Beatty, Robert Robertson and finally William McHenry.