

Biography of Captain Christopher Rape, ACN 61311
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On September 18, 1777, Christopher Rape was commissioned a Captain and served with the Fifth Company, Third Battalion, Gloucester County, New Jersey, Militia under Colonels Richard Somers and Joseph Ellis. The Third Battalion – in addition to thwarting British resupply attempts, repelling Loyalist attacks, guarding patriot fortifications, and seizing enemy ships along the coast – fought in the storied battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Red Bank, New Jersey.

Captain Rape was born in Mays Landing, New Jersey, in what is now Atlantic County, in 1734. He married Patience Sayers on January 4, 1766. Captain Rape died in Mays Landing on June 25, 1820.