

NARRATIVE
OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF
JOHN CONRAD SHAFFORD,
KNOWN BY MANY BY THE NAME OF THE
DUTCH HERMIT,

Who for the last 50 years has lived a secluded and lonely life, in a log hut in a remote part of the village of Dundee, (Lower Canada,) where he died on the 24th of April last, (1840,) at the age of between 80 and 90.

SHAFFORD early emigrated to Canada, and was induced first to prefer a lonely life in consequence of being deprived of an only child, a beloved daughter, who, when but 15 years of age, was taken prisoner and carried off a captive by the Indians, and who, although she was three months after redeemed by her afflicted father, yet in consequence of the most shameful and beastly treatment she had received from the merciless savages, she expired a wretched victim of their barbarity, three weeks after her liberation.



The particulars of the Captivity and dreadful sufferings of this unfortunate young female, may be found herein detailed, and are sufficient to satisfy the reader, that the North American savages are not in every instance so humane and forbearing to their white *female* captives as they have been represented to be.

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