

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cronk (Cronkhite) W20926
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Lois Cronk (Cronkhite)

NY

State of New York

Rensselaer County Ss: On this 1st day of Febuary in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Eight personally appeared before the Judges of the court of common Pleas of the County of Rensselaer in open court Lois Cronkhite a resident of Pittstown in said County aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Cronkhite who was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War in a company commanded by Capt Hicks [Benjamin Hicks, pension application R4959 and BLWt982-300] in a Regement commanded by Col [Goose] Van Schaick that he entered the service as she was informed and believes in 1776 but when he enlisted or in what company she does not know She was informed and believes truly that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781; see endnote] and at the taking of Cornwallis [Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] and was present at the Execution of Andre [Maj. John Andre, hanged at Tappan NY, 2 Oct 1780].

That a portion of his service was performed in Capt Finks [sic: Andrew Finck's] company but in what Regiment she does not know.

That she was informed by her said husband that he Enlisted for during the war and continued therein till its close in the winter of 1783.

That she was knowing to his having Bounty Lands for his services during the Revolutionary war and that he sold the same for a trifle some thirty five or forty years since.

That she has been informed and believes that there is Evidence of the services of her said husband in the office of the war department at Washington to which she begs leave to refer.

That she married the said John Cronkhite on the 28th day of March 1782 that she was married by a Squire Van Volkenburgh then residing in Hoosick that he was on a Furlough – that he remained at Home about one fortnight after her said marriage and then returned to his company and Regiment which were stationed some where on the north River.

That he continued frequently to visit her until he was finally discharged at or near Newburgh in the winter or Spring of 1783 – that she has no Documentary Evidence of his services or of her marriage with the said John Cronkhite.

That the said John Cronkhite died in the month of September 1816 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by refference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Lois herXmark Cronkhite

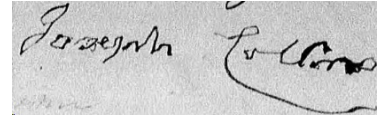
[Certified by her son, Ira Cronkhite (as he signed), 43, of Waterford in Saratoga County.]

State of Newyork [25 Dec 1837]

Montgomery County Ss Joseph Collins [pension application W18954] of the Town of Northampton in said County Being Duly Sworn Say he was well acquainted with John Cronkhite in his Lifetime that he was in the Revolutionary War with the said John Cronkhite in Colonel Goose Van Schaick Regiment and in Captain Hicks Company and was nearly or quite three years in the war with him and was Discharged when the During the wars men was Discharged, that he the said John Cronkhite and the said Joseph Collins was Discharged at Newburgh in the State of New York Joseph Collins this Deponent further says he he was at the window at the time of the weding or Marriage of John Cronkhite and Louis Cronkhite, the woman that is Now his widow the same I Dential person that is now an applicant for A pension and have not the Least Doubt according to the Circumstances that was then and thir in circulation such as this the father of the said Louis was their but did not get their in time to prevent the marriage and felt verry much affected for he Joseph Gifford was Against the marriage

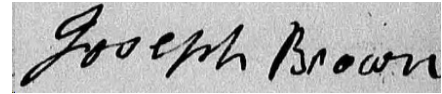
but found that they was married and gave it up [bottom of page missing from online image]
and then the County of Albany

This Depont further says that it was in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two in the month
of ~~March~~



State of New York }
Montgomery County } SS

Personally appeared before me Samuel A Gilbert one of the Judges in and for said County this
27th day of December 1837 Joseph Brown aged seventy seven years who being duly sworn according to
law doth depose and say that he resides in the town of Northampton and County aforesaid that this
Deponant was acquainted with John Cronkhite Deceased in his life time previous to the Revolutionary
war in the town of Hoseck now County of Renselear that this Deponant knows that the said John
Cronkhite was a soldier in the Revolutionary war that he the said John served in the same company with
this Deponant for about fifteen months commanded by Captain Andrew Fink that this Deponant knows
that the said John was a soldier in the Revolution at least three years that this Deponant believes the said
John was a Sergeant or Corporal some part of the aforesaid time and did duty as such that the services
above mentioned was rendered in the Regiment commanded by Colo Van Schaick and this Deponant
further saith that he well recollects the time the said John Cronkhite was married to Lois Cronkhite the
widow and present applicant for a pension he this Deponant was at the house where they was married
the day after the marriage took place and further saith not



NOTES:

No New York troops are known to have fought on the Patriot side in the Battle of Eutaw Springs
SC.

The file includes a bond dated 9 Sep 1790 signed (with his mark) by John Cronk of Pittstown in
Albany (now Rensselaer) County to obtain benefits for his services in the company of Capt Benjamin
Hicks of the First New York Regiment. The document is not clear enough for reliable transcription.

On 14 Aug 1839 John Cronk stated that he was born in March 1794, the fourth of eleven children
of John and Lois Cronk, the first being Hannah, born in the latter part of 1786, who had three children
and died in 1816. The second child was Patty, who married Joel Wilson.

On 20 Dec 1838 Nicholas M. Masters stated that he had lived in Schaghticoke next to John and
Lois Cronkhite, and he listed some of their children as follows: Hannah, Lane, Patty, Ira, Joseph, Josiah,
and Ananias.

On 29 Dec 1838 Ira Cronk stated that his father's bounty land had been in Lysander Township in
Onondaga County NY.

On 23 June 1839 Joseph Lewis of Fulton County NY stated that he married the sister of Lois
Cronk, and that the family record had shown that Hannah Cronk died on 13 March 1816. On the same
day Benjamin Gilford of Fulton County stated that he was the brother of Lois Cronk, and that his "Father
was very much opposed to his daughter Maring Cronk and believed it was on the account of Cronk being
a Soldier at the time of their marriage," and "a short time after the marriage his Sister and Cronk her
husband came home to his Fathers house [and] he and Cronk Said he had done wrong and all The
dificulty was then made up."