

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Garret Cronk W8635

Susanna Cronk

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In the Matter of }
Garret Cronk }
a Revolutionary Soldier } State of New York } Ss
 } Broome County } On the 15th day of February 1826 personally
appeared in Open Court, being the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace in and for
said County of Broome being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the Common Law,
with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of their proceedings and having also the
power of fine and imprisonment Garret Cronk, aged Sixty Seven Years, resident in the Town of Lisle in
the County of Broome, who, being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following
declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and
1st of May 1820 That the said Garret Cronk enlisted during the continuance of the war in the month of
June 1776 in Rampoo [sic: Ramapo] in the State of New Jersey in a Company of Horse or Troop called
the Third Troop, commanded by Captain Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston, pension application W8687],
attached to the Regiment Commanded by Col Henry Lee, on the Continental establishment, and continued
to serve during the War and until he was discharged by Captain Randolph [sic: Michael Rudolph
BLWt945-300] in August 1783 at the head of Elk, in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: Head of Elk in
Maryland, now Elkton]. that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present. that he
has never been placed on the pension list – that he was while in service as aforesaid, in the following
Battles to wit – at Eatou Springs, in South Carolina [sic: Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep 1781], the one at Guilford
[Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] and at the place called Ninety Six
[siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and that he has no other evidence of his said Services
now in his power or possession – And in pursuance of of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I do solemnly
swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not
since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent
thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to
provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary
War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any
property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in
the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Property

Two old Bed Steads – one Breakfast Table 8 old chairs – one chest – 3 Iron Kettles & one Pot –
One Tea Kettle and Frying pan – One pair Tongs – One Shovel & Crane hooks – a Lot of Kitchen
furniture valued at one dollar – Two Old Looking Glasses – a Lot of emty Barel & Casks Do of earthan
dishes and plates – Set of Old Knives & forks & Spoons – Three Cows – 2 Steers 2 calves – One
Weavers Loom & Tackle – 3 Shoats – 1 Old Hand Saw – One Tea Pot, cups & Saucers – One Old
Waggon & a piece of a chain – 2 Glass Goblets & One pair of Steelyards – I have due to me in sundry
amounts about Three dollars – I owe to different persons at least Five hundred dollars.

Garret Cronk

Sworn & declared in Open Court on the 15th day of Feb’y 1826/ Daniel Evans clerk

And the said Garret Cronk on his Oath aforesaid further states, that he is by occupation a Farmer –
that his family consists only of himself and wife aged 58 years – that this deponent and his wife through
age and infirmity are unable to do but little Labour and stands in need of assistance from his Country for
the support of himself and his family.

Garret Cronk

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Garret Cronk of Town of Lisle in the County of Broome in the State of New York do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination; at which period, I was a private in Captain Agleston's Company, in the Regiment, of the Legion of horse Commanded by Col. Lee Line. And, I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May, 1778.

And I further declare, that I was not, on the fifteenth day of May, 1828, on the Pension List of the United States nor ever Since

Witness my hand, this Twenty day of January in the year 1830.



Albany} Ss. Personally appeared before me John O. Cole, one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, Jeremiah Devoe [S43477] being sworn saith that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war that he enlisted in Captain Armstrongs [James Armstrong R258] Company of Dragoons Commanded by Lieut. Col. Lee in the American line and that he now draws a pension and that he is personally acquainted with Garrit Cronk who enlisted at or about the same time and belonged to the same Legion – and were engaged at the Battle of Guilford Eutaw Springs &c were transported from Carolina after peace to Hempton [sic: Hampton VA] from there to the Head of Elk where they were discharged under Capt. Rudolph belonging to the Legion

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of February 1830 Jeremiah hisXmark Devoe

[This] may Certify that John Pope [W26914] a person well known to me, came before me some time since and made oath that he Inlisted for during the Revolutionary War I think in the Early Part of it and served in Colonel Lees Regiment of Dragoons belonging to the United States Army and was not discharged untill the Close of it which discharge he received from General George Washington, and that Garret Cronk was a Dragoon in the same Regiment and served as such and was discharge with him at the same time the above if my recollection serves me is true and Correct

Newburgh/ Jan'y 30th 1830

Isaac Belknap

NOTES:

Garret Cronk's 1826 pension application was rejected for no apparent reason. An unsigned, undated note in the file reads, "This claim should not have been rejected, as it is believed that he served to the end of the War."

On 17 May 1841 Garret Cronk applied to have his pension transferred to Pennsylvania, having moved to Mercer County for the following reason: "That he had become involved with debts & learned that by a Sale of his property in York State he could pay his debts & purchase lands in the Western part of Pennsylvania cheaper than where he lived in York State." Denison Cronk was witness.

On 22 Oct 1844 Susannah Cronk, 77, of Delaware Township in Mercer County PA, applied for a pension stating that she married Garret Cronk on 8 Jan 1790, and he died on 29 April 1844.

On 30 Sep 1844 William Requa, 74, of Mount Pleasant in Westchester County NY, stated that he and Susannah Cronk grew up together, and that before she and Garret Cronk moved from Westchester County they had two or three children together.

On 28 June 1848 Denison Cronk certified that the family record transcribed below was from his father's Bible and was written partly by his brother, William Cronk, and partly by himself.

On 25 July 1848 Gload or Glode Requa, (born on 1 Feb 1768), of Westchester County NY, certified that he was at the wedding of Garret Cronk and Susannah Requa, which was officiated by Oliver Sherwood, a Baptist minister, at the house of the bride's father in Mount Pleasant. He also stated that he was married in April 1793, and that his brother, William Requa, was married two or three years before then.

On 25 July 1848 Berthyah Requa, born 8 Dec 1764 in Dutchess County NY, stated that her deceased husband, Abraham Requa, was a brother of Susannah Requa, who was the daughter of Daniel Requa. She also stated that Margaret Cronk, the first child of Garret and Susannah Cronk, was born about 24 hours after the birth of her own daughter, Ann, who was born on 6 Oct 1789 or 1790.

A letter dated 11 Aug 1848 states that Susannah Cronk was then living in Jackson County IA "in tolerable health."

Garret Cronk was born in the year of our lord 1759 January

Susannah Cronk was born in In the year of our lord 1768 March 15

The names and ages of the children

October 8th Margret Cronk was born in the year of our lord 1790

February 25 Thomas H Cronk was born 1795

William Cronk was born May 7th 1797

Denison Cronk was June 6 1805

Mary Jane Hardinburgh was born July 21st 1811

[The rest by Denison Cronk]

Denison Cronk was join in Marriage with sarah Chrawshore January 27th [or 28th] 1842

Sarah CRAushore was July 17th 1822

Thomas H Cronk deceast Apr 20th 1830, 35 years & 1 [sic] month

William Cronk died June the 2 1837 – 40 years old and 27 days

Garret Cronk Departed this life April the 29 1844 9 oclock in the evining 85 years [rest unclear]

William Cronk 2 years ol