

Pension Application for James Cock

W.15884 (Widow: Hannah) Married February 19, 1767 by Rev. Mr. Sackett at Crumpond in Dutchess County. James died October 21, 1801. Hannah died July 15, 1845.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this 18th day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, personally appeared before the undersigned and Judge, Hannah cock a resident of the City and County of New York and State of New York aged eighty five 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 James Cock who was a volunteer in the Revolutionary Army under Colonel Samuel Drake in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and seventy five or early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, and that John Hyatt was Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment and Nathaniel Delgoan Major thereof.

That the said James Cock volunteered for nine months, when he was promoted to the rank of Adjutant, in which capacity he served in the City of New York and when the British took possession of that City, the Regiment of which he belonged retreated to White Plains and the said James Cock was in the battle which took place there and the Deponent was near enough to that battle to hear the firing of the cannon, she having road to the camp in company with the wife of Lieut. colonel John Hyatt a few days previous to the battle to visit their husbands, the same being at White Plains. That while on such visit a report reached the camp the night previous to the battle, that the enemy was approaching the forces were then called out, and Deponent and Mrs. Drake left alone in the camp with their husbands servants. That their husbands soon returned and stated that the enemy had retreated, and the following day, (being the day of the battle) they embarked for their homes, and while on their way on horseback, heard the battle.

That after the said battle at White Plains, they marched to Peekskill and shortly after the expiration of the said nine months service, the said James Cock removed deponent and his family from Crumpond in the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County (where they resided at the time he so volunteered until such removal) to a place called the Red Mills then in Dutchess, now Putman county and was appointed commissioner of the Army by General Washington, in which capacity the said James Cock had charge of the Mills, grain house and store, and occasionally for the safety of the mills &c Sergeants guard under his special directions. He also procured provisions for the army and purchased cattle, pork, and other stores.

That he was preceded in his office of Commissary by Thomas Henderson who had charge at the Red Mills before him, but who was dismissed turning tory, and soon after such appointments of the said James Cock he the said Thomas Henderson bore the books of account, Ledgers and other documents in his charge to [?] at night, and utterly destroyed them, and retreated to New York where he joined the enemy.

That the said James Cock continued in the service at the said Red mills, until the close of the war. That the property under the charge of the said James Cock known as the Red mills aforesaid was confiscated to the government, and sold by them to one William Smith, the owners thereof Colonels Robinson and Morris having turned traitor to the United States, and joined the British.

That while Deponent resided at the Red Mills as aforesaid, Major Andre was arrested, and while under guard on his way to head quarters they breakfasted at her house.

That the oldest child of Deponent and the said James Cock, named Hannah, was born on the 17th day of December 1769 in Dutchess County aforesaid and baptized by the Reverend John Mason of New York about 6 months after her birth at her own house, deponent not being able to go out, at which her husband was present.

That while her husband was so in the service as aforesaid, they were often visited at their house and had to dine with them and stay all night there, to wit, Colonels Clinton, Sherman, Burr, Sterling, Wayne, Hithorn, and many others.

She further declares, that she was married to the said James Cock on the nineteenth day of February seventeen hundred and sixty seven by the reverend Mr. Sackett who is now deceased, at Crumpond in Dutchess County aforesaid, and that her husband the aforesaid James Cock died on the twenty first day of October eighteen hundred and one; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Cock

Sworn to and subscribed on the 18 day of August 1837 before me. E. Schieffelin, Justice of the Marine Court of the City of New York.

Letter in folder dated October 28, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to James Cock, Adjutant in the War of the Revolution, and of his widow, Hannah, a pensioner.

The data which follow were obtained from pension claim, W.15884, based upon the service of James Cock in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of James Cock are not given, nor are the names of his parents stated.

While a resident of Crompond, Westchester County, New York, James Cock volunteered the latter part of the year 1775, served as Adjutant about one year in Colonel Samuel Drake's New York regiment. After the expiration of this service, he moved his family to Red Mills, Dutchess (later Putnam) County, New York, and in the spring of 1777, he was appointed commissary, and served as such until sometime in 1783.

After the Revolution, James Cock moved to New York City, and was appointed "Inspector General of Staves and Heading".

James Cock married February 19, 1767 in Crompond, New York, Hannah How (Howe), daughter of John How of said Crompond. At the time of their marriage, James Cock was twenty-one years of age, and his wife, Hannah, was aged fifteen years. The name of the mother of Hannah Cock is not given.

James Cock died of yellow fever, October 21, 1801 in New York City. His widow, Hannah Cock, applied for pension August 18, 1837, then living on Hester Street, New York City. The pension was allowed.

The widow, Hannah Cock, died July 15, 1845 at the residence of her daughter, Sarah (Sally) Cooper in New York City.

The names of their children are shown as follows—

Hannah born December 17, 1769.

Phebe born October 21, 1777.

Jennet born July 4, 1779, died October 14, 1801.

Patty born September 10, 1786, died September 4, 1792.

Sarah or Sally born October 14, 1789.

James born February 29, 1795, died October 30, 1801.

The following data relative to their children are also shown—

Hannah married George Miller; it is stated that she was then a widow, name of her first husband not given, nor are the dates of marriages shown. She died June 30, 1850 in Bloomingburgh, New York, she left no children; reference was made in 1855 to George Miller as then deceased.

Phebe married _____Dominick, date not given, she died July 23, 1830 in New York City; her son, James W. Dominick, Jr., was living in 1851 in the state of New York.

Sarah (Sally) married June 14, 1806, William H. Dominick, he died February 11, 1811, aged twenty-eight years and eight months; she married Thomas Cooper, date not given. Her eldest child, William C. Dominick, was forth-three years of age in 1851 and living in Brooklyn, New York.