

### **Pension Application for Francis Cransbury**

Found in the Continental Congress Papers.

To the Honorable the Delegates of the United States in Congress assembled—  
The Petition of Mary Cransbury humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is the Widow of Francis Cransbury (1) who enlisted as a Private for during the War on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1777 in the 3d Battalion of New York forces and was taken Prisoner the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1778 & carried to Montreal where he remained in Captivity until the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1780 on which day he died—To prove her assertions she begs leave to refer to the Copy of Certificates subjoined.

Your Petitioner being in necessitous circumstances of having a family to provide for, humbly requests your Honorable Body to order the liquidation of her late Husband's Pay during the Time of his Captivity; or that your Honors would grant her such other Relief as in your wisdom you may think proper.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c.

New York April 5<sup>th</sup> 1788

End Note—Francis Cransbury, Crambury, etc.

1. Francis enlisted as a private for during war on March 8, 1777 in Captain Cornelius T. Jansen's Third Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. On Captain Jansen's Muster Roll dated at Fort Schuyler November 3, 1778, Francis is listed as "Taken prisoner August 24, 1778." FROM: Collections of the New York Historical Society for the year 1915, Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution 1775-1783, Vol II, 1916, N.Y.