

## Pension Application for Dennis Cronk

S.15061

Pension awarded \$23.33 per annum.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

State of New York

County of WestChester

On this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Surrogate of the Surrogate Court of the County of WestChester and State of New York now sitting, Dennis Cronk, a resident of the town of Cortlandt, County and State aforesaid, aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that is to say, he enlisted on or about the first of May 1780 into a company of Levies Commanded by Captain Daniel Williams (1) in the regiment commanded by Col. Morris Graham in the line of the State of New York: that he enlisted at the town of Cortlandt in the said County and for the term of six months, that he served the said six months at German Flats in the State of New York and at the expiration of said term was honorably discharged but that his discharge is lost or destroyed—

That immediately after the expiration of the said term of six months to wit: on or about the first of November 1780 he again enlisted for the term of one month in the regiment of levies commanded by Colonel Wisenfels in the line of the State of New York and was honorably discharged at Albany in the State of N. York the first of December in the year 1780 but he has lost his discharge—that he does not now recollect the name of the commandant of the company in which he served for the last mentioned month.—

And the declarant further states that he was born in the said County of WestChester in the year 1761, that he has no record of his age that he lived in the County of WestChester aforesaid and has lived in the said County every since the Revolution and now lives there.

That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are Samuel Youngs and Jacob Foshey.—

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Dennis Cronk

Sworn to and Subscribed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1832 before me. T. Wand Surrogate

Letter of inquiry in the pension folder.

The record of Dennis Cronk, a soldier of the Revolutionary War is furnished herein, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in his claim for pension S.15061, based upon his military service in that war.

Dennis Cronk was born in 1761, in Westchester County, New York, the names of his parents are not shown.

Dennis Cronk enlisted at Cortland, Westchester County, New York, May 1, 1780, served as a private in Captain Daniel Williams' Company, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment. [Written in the margin of letter—"Could not find soldier in NY books but Capt. Daniel Williams was in Col. Morris Graham's Regt."]

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 22, 1832, while residing in Greenburg, Westchester County, New York.

In 1830, soldier stated that he had a wife and six children and that one of his children, a son, Stephen W. Cronk, with his wife and two children resided with him. He did not give any further data in regard to his wife nor is her name or the names of the other five children or the name of the wife and children or son, Stephen W. Cronk shown.

End Notes—S.15061—Dennis Cronk

1. Captain Daniel Williams was originally appointed Captain on May 11, 1780 in Lieutenant-Colonel commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. The company was sent to Fort Edward and was there still on June 8, 1780. A Court martial was held on that day at Fort Edward. This is an extract: "*The Court being met an[d] duly sworn Proceed to the Trial of James Cambel [Campbell] a Sargent in Capt. Daniel Williams company Collo Powlans [Pawlins] Regiment NY State Levies Confined for Plundering the house of Pardon Dayley--*" FROM: Historical Magazine, New Series, Vol. II, Number VII, December 1867, Page 375. This extract is taken from Captain John Chipman's Orderly Book which was for 1779 and 1780. "*Sometime after June 8<sup>th</sup> Captain Williams Company was transferred to Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies.*" Dennis' name does not appear on Williams' Muster Roll for that regiment. Colonel Graham's Regiment wasn't raised until July 1, 1780. On searching all the muster rolls known this regiment Cronk's name did not appear on

them. There was only one muster roll for Captain Williams' Company. It was for the months of July and August 1780. It was dated Camp Albany September 9, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 75, National Archives, Washington, D.C.