

Pension Application for Patrick Cronkite

W.16932 (Widow: Maria) Patrick died October 9, 1802.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 20th July 1826.

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this seventeenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before me Sylvester Nichols one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Greene aforesaid Maria Cronkite a president of the Town of Cairo County of Green aged ninety four 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 the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Patrick Cronkite who in the beginning of the year 1777 enlisted in the now town of Athens (County of Albany) now Greene as a private Soldier in a company commanded by Captain Wendell in the first Regiment of the New York line for three years.

That said Patrick nearly served out the term of the enlistment and then enlisted for during the war in the same Regiment.

That said Patrick continued to serve in said corps until the close of the revolutionary war where he was honorably discharged.

That he received a written discharge which he retained until the day of his death.

That she declares that said discharge was taken out of her possession by one Stephen Otterman who refused to give it up, and that said discharge is still out of her possession and knows of no means to get possession of it again.

She further declares that the said Patrick Cronkite while in said service as aforesaid was in several battles.

That she believes he was in the taking of Burgoine in the battles of Monmouth and Brandywine & was also at the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown & in several other battles.

That said Patrick Cronkite served in said corps according to best of her recollection nearly seven years.

That he served part of the time as a private soldier part of the time as a corporal and part of the time as a Sergeant.

She further declares that she was legally married to Patrick Cronkite the tenth day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

That the marriage ceremony was performed by one Squire Vandyke a Justice of the Peace of the then County of Albany (now Green) in the now town of Athens, the place where she resided when her husband the said Patrick Cronkite enlisted in the army.

That he maiden name before her marriage was Maria Humphry.

That notice of intention of marriage was published in the Dutch Reformed Church by the Reverend John Schuneman—who was at that time a pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in said County of Albany (now Greene).

She further declares that she accompanied her husband the said Patrick in the service as aforesaid and continued in said service in the capacity of washerwoman for the officers until the close of the war when her husband was duly discharged.

That she had while in said service several children—and that she with her husband the said Patrick Cronkite after the war removed into the County where they resided several years viz, Columbia County State of New York.

She further declares that her husband the said Patrick Cronkite died the ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and two—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) Maria Cronkite

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Sylvester Nichols, one of the Judges of the Courts of said County of Green.