

### **Pension Application for Cornelius Dutcher**

R.3169 (Widow: Mary) No deposition for Cornelius in the folder.

Letter dated May 2, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of any Cornelius Dutcher, of Massachusetts or Dutchess County, New York. You state that his wife was named Elizabeth and that he had a son, Ruleff, who was born June 26, 1786.

The record follows of the only soldier with the name of Cornelius Dutcher, under any spelling, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth, or age, of Cornelius Dutcher and names of his parents were not given.

Cornelius Dutcher married in September, 1782, or 1783, in Livingston Manor, Dutchess County, New York, Mary Buck or Burk, a resident of that place. They were married by a Baptist minister, Elder Dakin. No reference was made to any other marriage of the soldier. He died January 31, 1839, in Aurora, Cattaraugus County, New York.

Mary Dutcher, while living in Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, applied March 3, 1845, for pension which might have been due her as widow of Cornelius, on account of his service in the Revolutionary War. She alleged that he enlisted in Salisbury, Dutchess County, New York, in 1777, for the term of three years, that he served as private in Captain Kline's company in the New York troops, and that he was discharged after having served the term for which he enlisted. She stated that his certificate of discharge was burned by Rulough Dutcher with other old papers, deemed of no value. Rulough's relationship to the family is not shown.

Mary Dutcher's claim for pension was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of the alleged service, as required by the pension law.

There are no further data on file relative to Cornelius Dutcher, or to his family.