

Pension Application for Abraham Montross

S.13987

State of New York

West Chester County SS

Abraham Montross of the town of Cortlandt in said County now of the age of seventy four years being duly sworn doth depose and say that in September 1832 this Deponent attended at the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester holden at Bedford in said County for the purpose of making application for a Pension as a soldier of the Revolution under the act of June 1832, that his papers were made out and the Reverend Mr. Kirkwood a Clergyman of the town of Cortlandt attended as a witness in behalf of this deponent.

The application of this deponent was not acted upon at said term for want of time & press of business—said Court adjourned a few days and held a special term, at which the papers of this deponent were passed upon by said Court and his application favourably decided by said Court in due form of law Deponents application was attended to by Joseph W. Strang Esq as his Counsel, now residing in the City of New York, by whom, this deponent has been repeatedly informed, his papers were sent on to Washington--& this deponent verily supposed his papers were on file, in proper department, until a case letter from general Ward gave information that they had been searched for & were not found.

The affidavit of Benjamin Dyckman who was this deponents Lieutenant in the Militia & who is now dead was among Deponents papers; who testified to Deponents services in the militia as a private under his command in guarding the British shipping at the time they laid in the River opposite Verplanks point, also, a great variety of occasions are which this deponent were called out at alarms, particularly at the time the British landed at John H. Stouts Cove, and burnt a store house and some dwellings at Peekskill attacked but the length of time proved by said affidavit deponent can't recollect.

The affidavit of Jacob Lent was also attached to Deponent's papers, tending to prove some of Deponents services in the Militia, but the particulars of his testimony Deponent can not now recollect nor does this Department know, nor can he learn whether the said Jacob Lent is now living or not, or if living, where he resides.

And this deponent further saith that in addition to all his services in the militia, at alarms, on patrols, scouting parties, &c. He enlisted into the Company of Capt. James Cronk, in Col. Thomas Thomas' Regiment for six months as a private and regularly served out his time in the Company of said Capt. Crank—Obadiah Purdy was the first Lieut, Abraham Cronkite was orderly sergeant of said company.

Deponent enlisted into said company in the Spring or fore part of the summer, of the year in the year in which the Battle of White Plains took place, he is not able to tell the year.

During the time of this Enlistment this department was some part of the time on guard, some part of the time, at the guard house at Mandevilles Barn in Peekskill after that our company was removed to [Governor?] VanCourtlands at Teller Point,

where were kept guard for some time, the exact length of time deponent cant recollect—from that our Company was ordered to Sing Sing, where we kept guard for some time—this Deponent then went with said company to Valentines Hill, East of Kings Bridge, and in addition to the duties of guards, scouting parties, and patrols, were put to the building of Fort Washington. From Fort Washington, this deponent with said company was marched to White Plains, at the time of the Battle there, but our company had drawn too little ammunition to take part in the conflict of that day.

From White Plains we were marched to Peekskill (the whole army having been moved in that direction). Where Deponent laid with his company until his time expired & he was discharged. And Deponent further saith, that during the said period of his six months, enlistment, in the Company of said Cronk, as aforesaid, he was constantly on duty and in actual service and that he knows of no person, now living, by whom he can prove his services above detailed—that said Capt. Cronk has been dead, a good many years.

Obadiah Purday the first Lieut of said company, this deponent can not learn where he resides, if living or whether he is dead or living—Joshua Drake the Second Lieut of said company, has been dead many years.

Abraham Cronkhite the orderly Sergeant of said Company has been dead many years—nor does Deponent know of any member of said company now living.

The affidavits of Benjamin Dyckman and of Jacob Lent before mentioned proved this deponents enlistment & services in said Company of Capt. Cronk. (Signed) Abraham Montross

Subscribed & Sworn this 10th March 1834 before me R. C. Austin Sup. Court Commissioners.