

Pension Application for Cornelius Newkirk

S.14006

State of New York
Ulster County SS.

Cornelius NewKirk Junior, Christopher NewKirk and Philip NewKirk, surviving sons of Cornelius NewKirk deceased and John Dewitt, Newkirk dewitt, Matthew Paulding Dewitt and Sarah Catherine Dewitt, children of Catharine Newkirk deceased wife of TenEyck Dewitt and daughter of Cornelius NewKirk deceased, heirs at law and next of kin to Cornelius Newkirk deceased [?] to apply in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, on account of the services rendered by their deceased relative Cornelius Newkirk late of the town of Hurley county of Ulster aforesaid make the following declaration. That the said Cornelius Newkirk died at his residence in Hurley on the twenty second day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two aged seventy nine years and that his wife Sarah died some years previous to the death of the said Cornelius Newkirk and he has not since married.

And they further state that the said Cornelius Newkirk deceased in the year 1776 (1) served as first Lieutenant in a company of New York Militia under the command of Captain Moses Cantine (2) and that he served as Lieutenant aforesaid in defense of his country for the term of five months at New York City, Kingsbridge, White Plains & Haverstraw.

And they further state that during the months of January and February in the year 1777 Cornelius NewKirk aforesaid deceased served in the capacity of first Lieutenant in a company of Light horse under the command of Captain Sylvester Salisbury (3) of the New York Militia at Rawelpough in New Jersey State for the term of one month.

And they further state that Cornelius Newkirk aforesaid deceased served in the said company of Lighthorse under the command of the said Captain Salisbury at New Windsor in Orange County and State of New York aforesaid and that he then remained in the service of his country in the capacity of first Lieutenant from early in the spring till late in the fall a term of nine months but in what year this service was rendered they cannot discern.

And they further state that Cornelius Newkirk aforesaid deceased again served in the same company of Lighthorse under the same Commander Captain Salisbury aforesaid in the capacity of first Lieutenant on the frontiers in Ulster County of the term of nine months in what year is not known.

That they have no documentary evidence of the services of the said Cornelius Newkirk deceased—and that he never to their knowledge received any written discharge that they have no personal knowledge of said services. But that they are enabled to prove their statement of his services as herein mentioned by Revolutionary Soldiers who served at the same time with him—whose affidavits are hereto annexed—that the said Cornelius Newkirk deceased always resided in the town of Hurley aforesaid.

And they further state that they are the legal heirs of the said Cornelius Newkirk's deceased and are entitled to the payment of the Pension money due at the time of the death of the said Cornelius Newkirk to him for his services.

That they relinquish all claims whatever to a Pension or Annuity in this behalf except the present and declare that the said Cornelius Newkirk deceased never had his name on any pension roll of the agency in any state, and that it never has been on any such roll. That their father Cornelius Newkirk was born in the year 1752—That his age is recorded in the family Bible, and also in the Record of the Reformed Dutch Church in Kingston that the commission of his father is lost, and cannot now be found. (Signed) Cornelius Newkirk Junr, Christopher Newkirk

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. Dupee? First Judge, A. Hardenburg, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges.

Reply to letter of inquiry dated October 16, 1926.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.14006, it appears that Cornelius Newkirk, while residing at Hurley, Ulster County, New York, served in 1776 five months as Lieutenant in Captain Moses Cantine's Company, Colonel Levi Pawling's New York Regiment.

In 1777, he served ten months as Lieutenant in Captain Sylvester Salisbury's Company of Cavalry; and later served nine months as Lieutenant in Captain Sylvester Salisbury's Company, Colonel Levi Pawling's New York Regiment, dates of this service not given.

Solider died June 22, 1832 at Hurley, New York, and his wife, Sarah, died previous to this date, there is not further data on file as to wife.

Their children—Cornelius, Jr.; Christopher; Philip; and Catharine, who married TenEyck Dewitt.

Children of Catharine and TenEyck Dewitt—John; Newkirk; Matthew, Paulding; Sarah Catharine.

The pension due Cornelius Newkirk for his services in the War of the Revolution, was allowed the following children and grand children—Cornelius NewKirk Jr.; Christopher Newkirk; Philip Newkirk, John Dewitt, Newkirk Dewitt, Matthew Paulding Dewitt, and Sarah Catharine Dewitt.

End Notes for Cornelius Newkirk S.14006

1. Officers of the First Regiment of Ulster County Militia on October 25, 1775 were: Colonel Johannes Hardenbergh, Lieutenant-Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck—promoted and commissioned colonel on February 20, 1776, First Major Johannes Snyder—Promoted and commissioned lieutenant-colonel on February 20, 1776. Promoted and commissioned colonel on February 19, 1778.
2. Moses Cantine, became captain on October 25, 1775 of the Second Company in the First Ulster. Resigns as captain in 1778.

3. The Kingston Company of Horse attached to the First Ulster on October 25, 1775: Captain Philip Hooghteling—Promoted to Second Major on February 19, 1778, First Lieutenant - Silvester Salisbury, Second Lieutenant - Petrus Myndertse, Cornet - Cornelius C. Newkirk. June 16, 1778: Captain Silvester Salisbury—Resigned in 1779, First Lieutenant - Cornelius C. Newkirk, Second Lieutenant - James Roe, Cornet - Abraham Van Gaasbeck; October 29, 1779: Captain - Cornelius C. Newkirk, First Lieutenant - James Roe, Second Lieutenant - Abraham Van Gaasbeck, Cornet - Abraham Hoffman.