

Pension Application for Garret Van Ness

W.18189 (Widow: Effe) Married March 16, 1769. Garret died August 13, 1831.

EFFIE VAN NESS

[To accompany bill H.R. No. 167.]

February 9, 1842.

Mr. Mathoit, from the committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Effie Van Ness, widow of Garret Van Ness, a soldier of the Revolution, late of the State of New York, deceased, make the following report:

That the petition in this case was presented at the 1st session of the 26th Congress, and referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, and a favorable report made thereon, and a bill introduced for the petitioner's relief, but no final action had thereon.

The committee have reviewed this case, and approve the report then made thereon, and adopt it as a part of this report; and herewith report a bill for the petitioner's relief.

April 25, 1840.

Mr. Davies, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, on the petition of Effie van Ness, widow of Garret Van Ness, a soldier of the Revolution, late of the State of New York, deceased, makes the following report:

That it appears from the papers on file in the War Department, copies of which were laid before the committee, and accompany this report, that Garret Van Ness served in the New York militia at Fort George and Fort Edward, as orderly sergeant under Captain Smith, eight months in short tours, in the years 1776 and 1777; that, on the 4th day of July, 1778, the Governor of that State commissioned him a lieutenant in Captain Charles Doty's company of militia, Colonel Van Wart's regiment, in the county of Albany—a copy of which commission is also on file; that three witnesses swear to have known and served under him at various periods in the years 1780, 1781, and 1782, one of whom testifies that he served to the end of the war, at Fort George, Fort Ann, and Fort Edward. The marriage is proved to have taken place of one of the daughters, who testifies that it was kept by her father in the family Bible, and that she has no doubt of its truth; she also states that her father died the 13th day of August 1831. The credibility of the witnesses is fully established by the customary testimonials required by the pension laws. The committee report a bill.

Letter in folder dated June 2, 1924 written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you; that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.18189, it appears that Garrit or Gerret Van Ness was born January 21, 1750, place not stated.

He enlisted in 1776 and served as an Orderly Sergeant at various times in Captains Smith's and Golden's Companies, Colonel Lewis Van Woert's New York Regiment, was at the surrender of Burgoyne and served in all eight months.

He was commissioned April 4, 1778, First Lieutenant and was in Captains Doty's, William Powell's and Hodges' Companies, Colonel Lewis Van Woert's New York Regiment, and served until the close of the war. He died August 13, 1831.

Soldier married march 16, 1769 in Cambridge, Washington County, New York, Effe (maiden name not stated), she was born October 18, 1749 and she was allowed pension in 1842, while a resident of Northampton, Montgomery County, New York.

Their children were—

Alla (Daughter) born January 31, 1771.

Mary born October 22, 1772 married ---- Russell.

Sarrah or Sarah born August 4, 1774.

Joanna born May 21, 1776.

Cornelius born April 4, 1778.

Rachel born August 16, 1782, died May 24, 1791.

John born July 21, 1785, died May 24, 1809.

Rachel born December 14, 1791.

Henry born March 21, 1793.