

Pension Application for James Croft

W.20931 (Widow: Esther or Hester) Esther Voak was born April 28th 1769. They married May 11th AD 1784.

State of New York

Putnam County SS.

James Croft being duly sworn doth depose and say that he has been on the Pension Roll for his services in the Revolutionary War and actually drew for nearly or quite eighteen months pay according to this deponents best recollection amounting to nearly one hundred and fifty dollars & that his name was stricken off the roll on account of his property as he has been informed.

The particular act under which deponent applied deponent does not recollect but it was some where about twelve years ago deponent applied as near as he can recollect.

That this deponent served as a Corporal in Capt Jonathan Hallet's Company in Col. Philip VanCourtlandt's Regiment in the State troops of New York for the period of three years having enlisted therein for the time. Also this deponent served nine months in the Batteaux service in the Corp of Col. Hermanus Schuyler—Also this deponent served nine months in the company of Capt. Collins in the Regiment of Col VanDuyek having enlisted into said Company for said period of nine months.

Also the deponent served during the further period of nine months in the company of Capt Sackett in the same Regiment having enlisted into said Company for said period.

That this deponent now resides in said town of Phillipstown in the said County of Putnam in which place he resided when he first applied for a pension. (Signed with his mark) James Croft.

Subscribed & sworn to this 24th day of Aug 1832, before me, & I am acquainted with said James Croft and that he is a person of veracity and entitled to full credit as a witness. R. C. Austin a Commissioner to perform duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

Letter in folder dated June 18, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War Pension claim, W.20931, it appears that James Croft was born in October 1753, place not stated.

He enlisted and served with the New York troops as follows:

In 1776, nine months in Captain Collins' company, colonel VanDyke's Regiment; in 1777, nine months in the bateau service on the Hudson river under Captain Barnard and Colonel Hermanus Schuyler; from April 10, 1778, three years as corporal in captains Marshall's and Jonathan Hallett's companies, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Regiment; nine months in Captain Sackett's Company, no dates stated. He also stated that he was at the taking of Burgoyne.

He was allowed pension his application executed April 24, 1818, at which time he was living at Phillipstown, Putnam County, New York.

He died there March 9, 1839.

The soldier married May 11, 1784, in Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York, Esther or Hester, daughter of Joseph C. Vought or Voak. She was born April 21, 1762.

She was allowed pension on her application executed September 16, 1839, at which time she was living at Philipstown, New York. She died June 22, 1844.

Their children were:

Catharine, born April 2, 1785 married November 1802.

John born April 10, 1787, married September 1809.

Margaret born March 6, 1789, married February 1813.

James born March 16, 1792, married April 1819.

Henry born August 2, 1795, married January 20, 1821.

Stephen born January 5, 1797.

Maria born April 5, 1799, married February 15, 1817.

Betsey born May 3, 1801.

Esther born August 25, 1805.

The following children survived their mother: John Croft, Henry Croft, James Croft, Stephen Croft, Catharine Haight, Margaret Reynolds, Maria Mowatt and Elizabeth Mowatt.