

Pension Application for Reuben Cross

W.20934 (Esther) He died Oct 2, 1837, she died Feb 13, 1848.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this third day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before Nathan Williams Esquire Vice Chancellor of the State of New York at a court of Chancery now sitting Reuben Cross a resident of the town of Marshall County of Oneida and State of New York aged sixty seven who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he is now over sixty seven years of age—

That he was born at New Lebanon in the State of New Hampshire in January 1762 and resided there about ten years thence he removed with his Father's Family in the Town of Pittstown in the State of New York where he rendered nine years during which nine years he performed all the services herein after mentioned in the Revolutionary War—thence he removed to the Town or Rutland in the State of Vermont where he resided about four years, thence he removed to the Town of Saratoga in the State of New York where he resided eight years—thence he removed to the now county of Oneida and State of New York where he has resided ever since and now resides—that in the year 1781 while residing at Pittstown aforesaid he voluntarily enlisted into the militia of State of New York under Captain Brown, Col. Warner of Bennington Major Chipman of Allington and served one month and an half this service was performed at Fort Edward—that in April 1782 while residing at Pittstown aforesaid he voluntarily enlisted into Cap. Coons company of the Militia of the State of New York Col Warner and served seven months during which time he marched from Fort Edward to Fort Stanwix, this on thus then march they fired upon a party of Indians near West Canada Creek two and wounded three that while he was stationed at Fort Edward during this service Capt. Coon and Lieut Phelps were killed between Fort Edward and Lake George by a party of the British Indians and Col. Warner was wounded in his shoulder—

This service was performed as a substitute for a person whose name he does not now recollect.

During this service at Fort Stanwix a detachment from the fort of sixty privates and two lieutenants were surprised and taken prisoners near Oneida Lake—Never served as a substitute except as aforesaid has had a written discharge from the last service but has lost it.—never held a commission has no record of his age, knows of no one who is acquainted with his services except his brother Samuel Cross, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever. (Signed) Richard Cross

Subscribed & sworn the [?] day of January 1833

Letter in folder dated October 11, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of Reuben Cross as found in pension claim, W.20934, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Reuben Cross stated that he was born in New Lebanon, New Hampshire, in January, 1765, and when ten years of age, moved with his father and family to Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Pittstown, New York, Reuben Cross volunteered and served one and one half months in Captain Brown's (probably meant for Brownson's) company, Colonel Warner's regiment, service rendered at Fort Edward. He again volunteered and served in Captain Coon's company, Colonel Warner's regiment, length of this tour seven months, during which the soldier stated that Captain Coon was killed between Fort Edward and lake George and that he was in an engagement with the Indians at West Canada Creek.

After the Revolution, the soldier moved to Rutland, Vermont, where he lived four years, thence to Saratoga, New York, his place of residence eight years, and from there to Oneida County, New York.

Reuben Cross was allowed pension on his application executed January 3, 1833, while a resident of Marshall, Oneida County, New York.

The soldier lived also at different times in Marcy, New York; in Western, Floyd and Deerfield, Oneida County, New York, and in 1837 moved to Leon, Cattaraugus County, New York, where he died October 2, 1837, at the home of his Betsey Carrier. His son, John Cross, stated that his father at the time of his death was aged seventy-six years.

Reuben Cross married in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, in 1785 or 1789 (both dates given) Esther or Hester Miles. The date and place of her birth and names of parents are not shown. They were married by the reverence David Irish, a Baptist minister. Soldier's wife, Esther or Hester Cross, died in Farmersville, Cattaraugus County, New York, in February 1847, or February 13, or 28, 1848, all dates being given. Her son, John, stated she died at the age of seventy-four years.

In 1851, the following children of Reuben Cross and his wife, Esther or Hester, were living; the dates of their birth were not stated:

Betsey Carrier, wife of Timothy Carrier, of Big Valley, Cattaraugus County, New York.

John Cross, then aged fifty-seven years and living in Whitestown, Oneida County, N.Y. In Jan, 1853, of Marcy, N.Y. and in Dec., 1855, of Delta, N.Y.

Reuben Cross, then of Farmersville, New York.

Levi Cross, of the State of Pennsylvania, but in 1853 of Little Valley, Cattaraugus County, New York.

Marium or Merrium Boss, widow of Green or Greene Boss then of Ohio near Cleveland but in 1853 of Springfield, Erie Co., Pennsylvania.

Polly Bronson or Bronston, wife of Ebenezer, then of Ohio, but in 1853, of Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Lyman Cross, in 1853 a resident of Little Valley, New York, later of Erie County Pennsylvania, or the State of Ohio, near Cleveland.

September 11, 1851, John Cross, soldier's son, applied in behalf of himself and the other heirs, for pension due their mother, Esther or Hester Cross, at the time of her death. His residence then was Whitestown, Oneida County, New York. The claim was allowed.

The following grandchildren were named, also, as heirs or Reuben Cross. It was stated that they were the children of Salley Adams, deceased wife of Israel Adams. Their names were Charity, Israel, Elizabeth and Sarah Adams, all of whom in 1853 were living in Hornellsville, Steuben County, New York. In 1855, one Israel Adams aged sixty years and Lois Adams aged sixty-two years, were residents of Farmersville, New York; their relationship to each other or to the grandchildren not designated.

In 1833, Reuben Cross' brother, Samuel Cross, was a clergyman of Remsen, Oneida County, New York.

In 1851, John Gifford, Senior, aged ninety years, of Northampton, Fulton County, New York, stated that he married a sister of Soldier's wife, Esther or Hester, but did not give the name of his wife. One John Gifford, Junior, in 1851 was aged sixty-six years and a resident of Northampton, New York.

In 1852, one Albert Cross, aged thirty years, and Gifford Cross, aged twenty-three years, were residents of Big Valley, Cattaraugus County, New York, their relationship to the family of the soldier not shown.