

Pension Application for Robert Martin

W.27515 (Widow: Annatje or Ann Crum) Former widow. Widow's second husband Elias Crum also served in the Revolution. NY R.2548

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County of Fulton

State of New York SS.

On this eighteenth day of January 1847 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Fulton aforesaid, in open Court, before the Judges of said Court Annatje (or Anna) Crum—a resident of the town of Johnstown in the County of Fulton aforesaid aged eighty three years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 entitled an act for granting half pay & pensions to certain widows:

That she was formerly the widow of Robert Martin who served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution in manner & for the periods set forth herein and in the proofs and documents accompanying this Declaration.

She this declarant did not become acquainted with said Robert Martin until about a year after the said war closed or in the year 1784; & consequently she has no personal knowledge of his revolutionary services.

She remembers only a few particulars which she heard her said husband relate previous to his death. He resided with his father & brother Philip in what is now called the town of Mohawk. She never knew or heard of any other family by the name of "Martin" except that of her said husband's whose father's name was Alexander & who had three sons, Robert, Philip & Alexander. The said Robert in said war was engaged in and expedition with a small Detachment of men to destroy the boats of the enemy at a place called Sacondaga in which occasion the whole Detachment were taken prisoner & remained in captivity for several months. She remembers also having his say, that he served under Captain Bowman of the militia but she cannot say how long nor in what years, and also under Captain Breadbick, and Captain Putman.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Martin on the third day of January in the years seventeen hundred & eighty six. That her husband the aforesaid Robert Martin died in the month of July 1798, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred & ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

She further saith that she remained the widow of said Robert Martin until the fall of the year 1803, when she was married to Elias Crum. That her second & last husband, the said Elias Crum died on the 18th day of February in the year 1841, and that since the decease of the said Elias Crum, she has remained his widow & still his widow & unmarried.

This Declarant further saith, that her former husband the said Robert Martin lived during a part of the said war on the south side of the Mohawk river at a place called "Bowman's Creek" in the District of Canajoharie where said Captain resided--& that Captain Bradbick lived near the residence of said Robert's father.

She can remember no particulars of her said first husband's & said Robert Martin's services except as herein before stated, that is, she can particularize no length of service, nor years of service, nor yet the names of any other officers under whom he served except those before named. And further that her maiden name was Phillisport & that she was married to said Martin by the Rev's Mr. Romeyn. (Signed with her mark) Annatje Crum

Subscribed & sworn in open court as aforesaid before the Judges aforesaid the 18th day of January 1847. Stephen Wait, Clerk of said Court.

Letter in folder dated July 21, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of Robert Martin, pension claim W.27515, and that of Elias Crum, pension claim R.2549, are furnished herein, based upon their service in the Revolutionary War.

Robert Martin W.27515. The data found in this claim follow:

Robert Martin was the son of Alexander Martin; the date of Robert's birth and the name of his mother are not shown. At the time of the Revolutionary War, said Alexander Martin lived with his sons, Robert, Philip and Alexander on the south side of the Mohawk River in the Caughnawaga District which was incorporated later as Fulton and Montgomery Counties, New York State.

Robert Martin enlisted and served in private in the New York troops at different times, given as follows: first, with a detachment on the expedition to Sacondaga, New York where he was taken prisoner June 3, 1777, was carried to Canada and held several months, was released on parole by General Haldeman and returned home, length of his service at least six months; in 1778 he served nine months in Captain John Breadbake's company of Rangers; in 1779 and 1780, in Captain John Bowman's and Garret Putnams, Companies, at least seven months; and in the fall of 1781, in Captain Odell's company and was in the battle of Johnstown.

Robert Martin married January 3, 1786, Annatje (called Anna) Philipse, or Phillips, daughter of Philip Philipse, or Phillips. Their marriage was recorded in the Reformed Dutch Church of Caughnawaga, New York; the name of her mother is not shown.

The soldier lived on a farm which was afterwards in the town limits of Mohawk, New York. He died there in July 1798.

Annatje Martin, Robert Martin's widow, married in the fall of 1803, Elias Crum, her second husband. He died February 18, 1841.

Annatje Crum, the widow of said Elias, applied January 18, 1847 for the pension which was due on account of the service of her first husband, Robert Martin, in the Revolutionary War. Her claim was allowed. In 1847, she was aged eighty-three years, and resided in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York. She applied April 16, 1855, for the bounty land which was due under the Act of March 3, 1855, on account of Robert Martin's service in the Revolutionary War. She was allowed 160 acres of bounty land on warrant #12718. One John J. (or I.) Denmark of Johnstown,

New York, was present when said Annatje Crum made application for this bounty lands.

Philip Martin, Robert Martin's brother, served in the Revolutionary War also, was wounded in the battle of Johnstown, was wounded also previous to that time; said Philip Martin lived on the same farm after the death of his brother, and died there.

In 1847, Alexander Martin, the son of said Philip Martin, was a resident of Ephratah, Fulton County, New York, aged fifty-eight years and upwards. In 1847, James Phillips, was a resident of Mohawk, Fulton County, New York, aged sixty-seven years; he was the son of Harmanus Phillips. James Phillips stated then that he had lived within a few miles of Robert Martin and his wife, Annatje, and was well acquainted with her after her marriage to Elias Crum, also, after the death of said Elias Crum; he did not state his relationship to said Annatje.

Elias Crum—R.2549.

The date which follow are found in pension claim, R.2549, based upon service of Elias Crum in the Revolutionary War.

Elias Crum was born in the year 1761, in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, where he was reared and lived at the time of the Revolutionary War. The names of his parents are not shown.

Elias Crum enlisted and served as private in the New York troops at different times, shown as follows: from February 1777, at least six months in Captain Benjamin Kortright's company, Colonel Levi Pawling's regiment; from March 1778, nine months in Captain Peter Smith's company in that same regiment; from March 1779, six months in Captain Daniel Broadhead's company in Colonel Levi Pawling's regiment; from March 1780, nine months in Captain Capell's company in said company, Colonel John Cantine's regiment, during which he was in the battle of Johnstown. During these years, he was engaged principally in the defense of the inhabitants of Ulster County against the Indians and British.

Elias Crum was allowed pension on his application extended September 21, 1832, at which time he resided in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York. He stated that he had resided during his entire life in the towns of Marbletown and Johnstown. The soldier died at his home there; the date of his death is shown in this claim as February 13, 1840, February 11, 1841, and the date of his funeral as February 16, 1840.

Elias Crum married September 1, 1902, (the date given in this claim) Annatje Martin, then the widow of Robert Martin; Robert Martin, her former husband, died May 25, 1798 (said date sworn to by Annatje Crum in 1853.)

Annatje Crum, the widow of Elias, applied February 3, 1853 for pension on account of service of Elias Crum in the Revolutionary War. Her claim was not allowed as she was then in receipt of pension on account of service of her former husband, Robert Martin, in the Revolutionary War. In September 1853, said Annatje gave her age as eighty-four years, but did not state the date and place of her birth, nor the names of her parents.

Elias Crum and his wife, Annatje had a child, "Lenah", who was baptized December 17, 1803; her baptism was recorded by the Pastor of the Reformed Cutch Church of Caughnawaga, New York.

In 1854, Elizabeth Drake, was a resident of Johnstown, New York, aged sixty-six years; she stated then that she was the eldest child of her mother, Annatje, and Robert Martin; she did not give the name of any other child, nor the name of her husband.

In 1850, one Rachel martin was present in Johnstown, New York, when Annatje Crum made an affidavit in regard to her pension; no relationship between the was stated.

In 1854, John J. (or I.) Denmark was a resident of Johnstown, New York, aged then thirty-nine years. He stated that he married one of the granddaughters of the "widow Crum", that they were married in February 1839, also, that he rode nine miles from his home to the funeral of Elias Crum "the following February the 16th day 1840". He did not state the name of his wife. In December 1855, he was present when Annatje Crum made affidavit in regard to her pension, at which time "X. Denmark" was present. In 1855, it was stated that all of Annatje Crum's children were deceased and that she was living with one of her granddaughters.

Reference was made in this claim to Alexander Martin and his sons, Robert and Philip, who served in the Revolutionary War.