

Pension Application for John C. Cramer

W.16548 (Widow: Christina)

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before the court of Common Pleas of the said County in open court before the Judges thereof Christina Cramer in open court before the Judges thereof Christina Cramer a resident of Danube in said County aged seventy seven years the twelfth day of April last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows that she is the widow of John C. Cramer who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution.

That in the year 1777, at the time of the Oriskany battle which was previous to their marriage, she recollects well that the said John C. Cramer hurt his knee and the next day he with the brothers of this deponent were ordered and did proceed to Fort Stanwix, that said Cramer as she was afterwards told proceeded no farther than from Fort Plane to Herkimer where in consequence of having taken cold in his knee he remained being unable to proceed farther, that after three or four days he returned home to Fort Plane that she saw him go with the company and saw him return thinks the officers were Joseph House, or Mr. Snyder.

That she also saw him a few years after, start to go to Johnstown where it was then expected an engagement would take place, and where a battle was then fought, recollects well that one John Sits a young man who had not been in service before also went at that time and he never returned.

That she saw the said Cramer return from that excursion but can't say how long he was gone.

That she also saw him start to go to Durlach where an engagement took place, and saw him when he returned she recollects also that the said Cramer with the brothers of this deponent were enlisted for nine months under Capt. Bigbread who commanded a company called Rangers, that she saw him go with the company, they started from Fort Plane next. Thins it was in the spring of the year and returned above New Years, recollects well that they had green boughs in their hats when they returned—she can't recollect the year—That she also saw him go in company with her brothers and one John Miller and others that she cannot now name, when it was said they were going to take Butler—and saw them again return it was cold weather.

That she also saw him go from Fort Plane with the company from there, to Cherry Valley that they were gone several days when they again returned Joseph House was the Captain at Fort Plane and when he was promoted, then Jacob Snyder was Capt.

That she also after the war and after their marriage often heard her husband the said John C. Cramer speak of the services he performed during the Revolutionary War heard him say that he was at the Battle of Durloch, & that he was at the Battle of

Johnstown, heard him say that at one time he was ordered and did proceed assist in carrying boats to Otsego Lake but she don't recollect how long he said they were gone but it was some length of time, recollects she heard him say that he served under Capt. Copeman that Copeman frequently said to him come John you are one of the smartest men in the company you must go.

That she cannot now recollect all the officers under whom he served recollects he name Capt. House, Copeman, Snyder & Bigbread.

That he often stood sentry at Fort Planc.

That her maiden name was Christina Waggoner and that she was married to the said John C. Cramer the latter part of March in the year seventy hundred and eighty four, that fifty seven years in March last was married, that the marriage too place in Fort Planc and was solemnized by Rev'd Abraham Rosecrantz, that there were three couple[s] married at the same time, and that her husband the aforesaid John C. Cramer died the latter part of the year 1815, and was buried on the first day of January 1816.

That he said frequently wrote his name Johannes and was commonly called Hannes Cramer.

That she has not intermarried but continues the widow of the said John C. Cramer. (Signed with her mark) Christina Cramer

Subscribed & Sworn in open Court October 11, 1842.

Letter in folder dated November 23, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

[The letter refers to other men previously.]

The record of the last named soldier has been found and is given below as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W. 16548.

John C. Kramer resided at Fort Plank, New York, in the early part of the Revolutionary War. The date and place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in the summer of 1777, and served at various times until some time in 1782, amounting in all at between one year and a year and one half, as private under Captains Joseph House, Adam Liepe, Jacob Snyder, Copeman and Breadbake, Major Joseph House and Colonel Samuel Clyde in the New York troops; during this period of service, he was called out at Fort Stanwix, and was in the battles of Johnstown, Fort Plain, Stone Arabia and Sharen (Durlach). His name was borne on the military rolls as Cramer and Creamer.

The soldier resided in Fort Plank, New York, after the war. He died late in December, 1815, and was buried on January 1, 1816.

John C. Kramer on March 30, 1784, Christina Waggoner, also of Fort Plank, New York. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Abraham Rosecrantz, minister of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of German Flatts and Herkimer, New York. She was born April 12, 1764, the place and names of her parent snot shown. It was stated that his name was shown on their marriage record as Johannes Kramer.

After the death of the soldier, his widow, Christina, resided in Herkimer County, New York; in 1841, she was a resident of Danube, in that county. She died June 3, 1842.

Pension due Christina on account of the service of her husband John C. Kramer in the Revolutionary War was allowed the following named surviving children, whose residences are shown as of 1845: Jacob T. Cramer and Daniel Cramer, of Lysander, Onondaga County, New York; John Cramer, Abraham Cramer, Conrad Cramer and Caty (Cramer), wife of James Walradt, all residents of Danube, Herkimer County, New York; Peggy (Cramer), the wife of James D. Welden, and Christina (Cramer), wife of Abraham Roop, residents of Stark, Herkimer county, New York; and Betsey (Cramer), wife of Abraham Dillenback, or Dillingback, of Wheeler, Steuben County, New York.

In 1845, Conrad Cramer, the son of the soldier and his wife, Christina, stated that his father signed his name Kramer, but that the family then used the name Cramer. In that same year, James D. Welden made affidavit regarding the death of the widow, no relationship to the family stated.

It was stated that Christina, (Waggner) had brothers who served in the Revolutionary War with John C. Kramer, but their names were not given.