

Pension Application for Crary Gratton or Graton

W.17966 (Widow: Anna) married the 24th or 25th day of January 1787. He died January 12, 1849.

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On this 15th day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Genesee now sitting Crary Gratton, a resident of the Town of Pembroke in the County of Genesee and State of New York, aged seventy one years 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 as a volunteer, under three several & distinct engagements and served as herein stated.

Under the first engagement he entered said service as a volunteer, in a Regiment of Militia of the State of New York (the number of the Regt he cannot tell) commanded by Colonel Paulding (the Christian name of said Paulding claimant does not recollect) in the company commanded by Capt. Robert Wood, the 18th day of April 1779 and continued in said service until the 20th day of December of the same year. At the time of entering said service as aforesaid the claimant resided in Tyringham in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts.

Said Regiment was raised to assist General Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians in the Western part of the State of New York, but never joined that expedition for reasons which will be hereafter stated. The claimant joined said Regiment at Fishkill on the North River in the State of New York. From which place he marched with the Regiment to Esopus on said river & in said State thence through the country to a place then called Auguago on the Susquehannah River where the regiment expected to join General Sullivan.

On arriving at the place General Sullivan had departed leaving instructions to the commandant of said Regiment either to follow on and join General Sullivan or return back as he should deem proper. The regiment returned back. The claimant cannot state the names of any of the regular officers whom he knew, for he formed no acquaintance with any of them. He would however state that he once saw General Washington and his life guard at Stony Point in the State of New York. In explanation the claimant should state that for the principal part of the time during his service under this engagement he was employed in scouting parties against the Indians on the frontiers and did not act with the regular soldiers or army.

The claimant further states that he again entered said service as a volunteer in the militia of the State of Massachusetts in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Brown the number of the Regiment he does not recollect, in the company commanded by Capt Samuel Warner & Lieut Ebenezer Chaddock, the 21st day of July 1780 and continued therein until the 21st day of October of the same year.

That he resided at the time of entering said service under this engagement at Tyringham aforesaid. Marched from that place to Fort Plank in Canajoharie in the State of New York, where he was stationed a principle part of the time. While

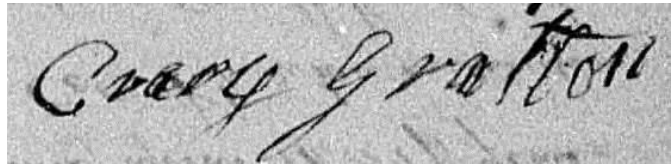
stationed at this place he went [?] to Fort Stanwix in the State of New York to guard the provisions which were forwarding on to the troops at that place. While in said service under this engagement the claimant was in one very severe action, the battle of Stone Arabia as it was called, in which his commandant Col. Brown was killed.

The claimant further states that he again entered said service as a volunteer in a company of volunteers of the militia of the State of Massachusetts commanded by Capt Ezekiel Herrick and Lieut Solomon Gaffield, about (as near as he can recollect) the latter part of September 1781 and continued therein, until the latter part of October of the same year. This company was attached to no particular Regiment. At the time of entering said service under this engagement, he resided at Tyringham aforesaid. He marched therefrom to a place called Stillwater in the State of New York, where he was stationed until his discharge.

This claimant further states that the whole of the time he was in said service under the said several engagements was a year lacking about ten days.

That he has no discharge to exhibit, nor other documentary evidence of his said services, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said services.

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.

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Cressy Grafton".

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch,
clerk